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Prosperity and success naturally find their way to a person who possesses unwavering determination and persistent effort.

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INTRODUCTION

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Sports play a vital role in the holistic development of individuals. Sports promote physical fitness, enhance mental well-being, and contribute to personal growth. It instils values such as discipline, determination, resilience, creativity, and the ability to face challenges with confidence.

Recognising the transformative power of sports, the Government of Tamil Nadu established the Department of Youth Welfare and Sports Development to nurture sporting talent and empower the youth of the State. Through progressive policies, world-class infrastructure, scientific training, sportsperson welfare initiatives, and inclusive opportunities, the department is committed to enabling every aspiring sportsperson to realise their full potential and

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excel at the state, national, and international levels.

Tamil Nadu is committed to developing skilled, disciplined, responsible, and socially conscious young citizens. Their energy, creativity, and aspirations are invaluable assets in shaping a progressive society. Through meaningful participation in sports, physical education, and youth development initiatives, they become catalysts for innovation, social harmony, and sustainable development, contributing significantly to the continued growth and prosperity of Tamil Nadu and the nation.

Sports development and youth welfare are key pillars in building a healthy, disciplined, and drug-free society. By promoting sports participation, creating quality infrastructure, and engaging youth in constructive activities, the government is fostering healthy lifestyles, positive values, and social responsibility, thereby

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contributing to the vision of a drug-free Tamil Nadu.

The following organisations come under the control of the Department:

1. Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT)
2. Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University (TNPESU)
3. Directorate of Youth Welfare (DYW)
4. National Cadet Corps (NCC)
5. National Service Scheme (NSS)
6. Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)

Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT)

The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) was established in 1992 to promote sports and encourage participation of youth

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across the State. SDAT works to improve sports by implementing government programs and policies. Its main goal is to create a strong sports culture, make sports accessible to everyone, and identify and nurture talented athletes from the grassroots level to professional stages. Through better facilities, resources and opportunities, SDAT supports sportspersons and helps build a successful sports environment in Tamil Nadu.

Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University (TNPESU)

Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University (TNPESU) plays an important role in promoting education and excellence in sports and physical education. The university provides quality education and training in physical education, sports science, and sports management, contributing significantly to sports development in the State.

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Directorate of Youth Welfare

The Directorate of Youth Welfare was established in 2013 to identify and develop the talents and abilities of young people. It is headed by the Member Secretary of SDAT, who serves as the Ex-officio Director. The directorate works to guide youth towards positive activities, promotes healthy lifestyles, encourages discipline, and develops important life skills. Its aim is to support the overall growth and development of young people.

- The Directorate of Youth Welfare, established in **2013**, is headed by the Member Secretary of **SDAT** as Ex-officio Director and coordinates **NCC**, **NSS** and the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan.

National Cadet Corps (NCC)

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) provides training to young people to build their discipline, confidence, physical fitness, leadership skills, and sense of responsibility. NCC helps develop well-rounded individuals who make positive contributions to society and serve the nation with dedication.

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National Service Scheme (NSS)

The National Service Scheme (NSS) motivates young people to participate in social service activities and support underprivileged communities. Through community service, youth develop empathy, social responsibility, and awareness of social issues, helping to create a better society.

Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)

The Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) encourages young rural volunteers to take part in community development activities. It helps youth contribute to nation-building by developing leadership qualities, social awareness, and a sense of service to society.

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MISSION 2036

Vision 8–18: Athlete Development Pathway



Roadmap for Making Tamil Nadu a Leading Sporting State

The Government of Tamil Nadu has consistently accorded high priority to the development of sports through sustained investments in world-class sports infrastructure, athlete welfare, scientific training, talent identification and institutional strengthening. Tamil Nadu has also emerged as one of the

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leading states in promoting sports and producing outstanding sportspersons at the national and international levels.

The Government has envisioned Mission 2036 as a comprehensive long-term strategy to transform Tamil Nadu into a global sporting hub and a major contributor to India's Olympic aspirations. The Mission adopts an integrated approach to sports development through universal participation, early talent identification, structured athlete pathways, high-performance coaching, sports science, institutional partnerships and international exposure. It also advances the Government's vision of a Drug-Free Tamil Nadu by encouraging sports as a means to promote healthy, disciplined and productive lifestyles among the youth.

- Mission **2036** is the long-term strategy to make Tamil Nadu a global sporting hub and a contributor to India's Olympic aspirations, delivered through Vision 8-18.

The Mission further seeks to create a collaborative ecosystem involving schools, higher educational institutions, local bodies, corporate

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partners, sports federations and communities to sustain sporting excellence across the State. To achieve this Mission, the Sports Department has developed **Vision 8-18**, which encompasses the following strategies.

Talent Research Wing

The Government will establish a dedicated Talent Research Wing (TRW) to identify, nurture and develop sporting talent in the 8–18 years age group through a scientific, data-driven and structured athlete development pathway. The School Education Department and the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu will jointly undertake annual talent identification in schools using standardised assessment protocols. Talented sportspersons identified through the Talent Research Wing will be inducted into Sports Hostels based on their age, potential and performance, where they will receive systematic

- A Talent Research Wing will run annual school talent identification for ages 8 to 18 jointly with the School Education Department, feeding sports hostels.

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coaching, sports science support and competitive exposure.

Olympic Centres of Excellence

Sportspersons demonstrating exceptional performance and medal potential at the State, National and International levels will be inducted into discipline-specific Olympic Centres of Excellence. These centres will provide world-class coaching, advanced training infrastructure, sports science support and high-performance athlete management to prepare athletes for success at the Olympic Games 2036.

- The athlete pathway runs Talent Research Wing to discipline-specific Olympic Centres of Excellence to the Tamil Nadu Olympic City - each stage selecting for medal potential at the **2036** Games.

Tamil Nadu Olympic City

Athletes who consistently excel at the Olympic Centres of Excellence will progress to the Tamil Nadu Olympic City, where they will receive elite high-performance training in a world-class sporting ecosystem comprising international-standard infrastructure, sports science and sports

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medicine facilities, high-performance coaching, residential amenities and competition venues to maximise their Olympic medal potential.

2036: Dream Olympics

Sportspersons representing Tamil Nadu at the Olympic, Paralympic, Asian, Para Asian, Commonwealth and Para Commonwealth Games will be provided enhanced financial assistance to support their preparation and participation.

To recognise outstanding international performances, the Government will provide enhanced High Cash Incentives to medal winners, thereby encouraging sporting excellence and strengthening Tamil Nadu's contribution to India's success in international competitions.

Job Security

To provide long-term career security for meritorious sportspersons in recognised sporting

events, they will be provided employment opportunities in Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings under the 3% Sports Quota, enabling them to pursue sporting excellence with the assurance of sustainable public employment.

- Meritorious sportspersons get employment under a 3% sports quota in Government departments and PSUs; 305 have been appointed, including 72 para sportspersons.

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Chapter – 1

Sports Development Authority Of Tamil Nadu

With the objective of promoting sports and channelling the energy and aspirations of youth towards positive activities, the Government of Tamil Nadu established the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) vide G.O.(Ms) No.641, Education (Y) Department, dated 18.07.1992. SDAT was formed by merging the former Department of Sports and Youth Services and the Tamil Nadu State Sports Development Corporation. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu is the President of the authority.

The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu is the apex body responsible for implementing the government's policies and programmes related to sports and youth welfare. It is committed to creating a supportive, inclusive,

- **SDAT** was created by G.O.(Ms) No.641 of **18.07.1992**, merging the Department of Sports and Youth Services with the Tamil Nadu State Sports Development Corporation. The Chief Minister is its President.

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and competitive sports environment across the State. It promotes physical fitness, identifies and nurtures sporting talent, develops sports infrastructure and works in partnership with public and private organisations to strengthen the sports ecosystem.

SDAT strives to make Tamil Nadu a leading sports destination by providing opportunities for sportspersons to achieve excellence at national and international levels. It supports and promotes both Olympic and non-Olympic sports, creating an environment that enables athletes to realise their full potential and excel in their chosen disciplines.

List of Olympic and Non-Olympic Games

Olympic Sports		**Non-Olympic Sports**	
Archery	Athletics	Aatya Patya	Ball Badminton
Aquatics	Badminton	Billiards & Snooker	Bridge

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Basketball, 3 x 3 Basketball	Beach Volleyball	Body building	Carrom
Boxing	Canoeing & Kayaking	Chess	Cycle Polo
Cricket*	Cycling	Kabaddi	Kalaripayattu
Fencing	Football	Kickboxing	Kho-Kho
Gymnastics	Handball	Korfball	Mallakhamb
Hockey	Judo	Netball	Rollball
Rowing	Sailing/ Yachting	Sepaktakraw	Shooting Ball
Shooting	Skateboarding	Silambam	Softball
Squash*	Surfing	Soft Tennis	Tennikoit
Swimming	Table Tennis	Throwball	Roller Skating
Taekwondo	Tennis	Yoga	
Triathlon	Volleyball		
Weightlifting	Wrestling		
Karate	Wushu		

* To be introduced in the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles.

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1.1 Pathway for Sports Excellence

The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) aims to create a strong and modern sports system that encourages mass participation in sports and helps athletes achieve excellence.

The SDAT has introduced various programmes to identify talented athletes, provide quality training and support their participation in competitions. These programmes also focus on improving the overall standard of sports across the State. Outstanding sportspersons are recognised and rewarded to encourage them to perform well in higher-level competitions. Sports facilities are developed at district and block levels to provide proper training for athletes preparing for state, national and international competitions.

The authority supports research in areas such as sports technology, biomechanics and

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sports psychology. It also promotes equal opportunities for differently abled athletes, enabling them to participate actively in sports. In addition, SDAT encourages adventure sports such as mountaineering, rock climbing and others to provide a wider range of sporting opportunities.

1.2 Key Initiatives of SDAT

- Developing modern sports complexes and stadia across Tamil Nadu with world-class infrastructure.
- Establishing specialised training centres and continuously upgrading sports facilities to international standards.
- Implementing talent identification programmes in schools and colleges and establishing sports academies to nurture young athletes.
- Providing scholarships, financial assistance,

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and scientific coaching support to talented sportspersons.

- Providing specialised programmes for coaches to update their training techniques.
- Organising state, national, and international sporting events through an annual sports calendar.
- Conducting the Chief Minister's Trophy games annually for school and college students, the general public, government employees, and differently abled persons at district, regional, and state levels.
- Providing financial and other assistance to athletes participating in competitions at national and international levels.
- Recognising outstanding athletes through awards, high cash incentives, and medal rewards.

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- Promoting inclusive sports by providing specialised equipment, training, and competition opportunities for differently abled persons.

- Encouraging adventure sports such as trekking, mountaineering, and water sports, while promoting recreational sports to foster a culture of fitness and physical activity.

1.3 Vision for Sports Development

The Government of Tamil Nadu aims to enhance all aspects of sports promotion within the State. The strategy is structured in five levels, each designed to progressively foster talent and pursue excellence as follows:

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Level 1 - Mass and Community Participation

The foundational level prioritises widespread participation and early talent identification.

Key components

a. Basic Infrastructure

Establishing vital sports infrastructure, like playgrounds and community sports centres in rural and urban areas.

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b. Talent Identification

Spotting emerging sports talent early through community and school programs.

c. Basic Coaching

Facilitating basic coaching opportunities at schools, colleges and community centres.

d. Local Sponsorship

Recognising and partnering with local sponsors to support sports programs within the community.

e. Community Competitions

Organising grassroots sports events and competitions to foster widespread involvement.

Level 2 - District Level Sports

At this stage, the focus is on nurturing and refining the talent discovered at the district level, ensuring the necessary infrastructure for training and competition is provided to facilitate their growth and development.

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Initiatives

a. Chief Minister's Trophy Games

This initiative plays a key role in providing district-level athletes with an opportunity to showcase their talents and engage in healthy competition. District-level competitions for 2026 will be held in the month of September.

b. District Sports Complexes

School and college students, differently abled athletes and the general public benefit from improved training opportunities and top-notch facilities available at district sports complexes, promoting skill enhancement and inclusivity in sports.

c. Mini Stadia

The Government constructs Mini Stadia in all assembly constituencies to provide sports facilities to the masses.

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d. Khelo India Centres and STAR Academies

Khelo India Centres and STAR Academies have been established in all 38 districts of Tamil Nadu for various sports disciplines. These centres provide regular coaching and training to talented athletes, helping them improve their skills and prepare them for higher-level competitions. The centres are equipped to provide the necessary guidance, facilities and support required for athletes to achieve excellence in sports.

Level 3 - State Level Plans

At this level, the emphasis is on identifying and nurturing athletes who demonstrate the potential to reach the pinnacle of state-level competition. The goal is to provide them with the necessary support, training and resources to help them develop into future State champions.

Initiatives

a. Talent Development Programs

Rolling out comprehensive initiatives designed to assist and cultivate the growth of athletes at the State level, ensuring they receive the necessary resources, coaching and development opportunities to reach their full potential. These programs are tailored to enhance their skills and prepare them for higher levels of competition.

b. Sports Hostels and Academies

Setting up sports hostels and specialised academies to provide athletes with consistent, high-quality training and development. These facilities are designed to support their progress with a structured and intensive approach, ensuring they stay on track for success.

c. State Level Competitions

Organising state-level tournaments to prepare athletes for upcoming national and

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international competitions. These events serve as a platform to refine their skills and assess their readiness for higher-level challenges.

The goal is to provide athletes with opportunities to reach their full potential, enabling them to represent Tamil Nadu in more competitive arenas. This will help them excel at higher levels of competition.

Level 4 - National Level Initiatives

This level is dedicated to training athletes for competition at the National level. The objective is to equip them with the skills and expertise needed to succeed in national competitions.

Special initiatives

a. Expert Coaching

Utilising the skills of foreign and expert coaches and institutions to boost athletes' performance levels.

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b. National Competitions

Supporting the organisation of national level competitions in Tamil Nadu to foster talent and development.

c. Advanced Training

Establishing centres of excellence and academies in various regions to develop national-level champions.

d. Sports Infrastructure

Creating and maintaining infrastructure that meets the standards for national competitions. This level focuses on ensuring athletes are fully prepared to showcase their best performance in national competitions.

Level 5 - International Level

The primary goal is to achieve excellence at the international level, built upon the solid foundation established in earlier stages.

Flagship initiatives

a. Global Expertise

Utilising the expertise of international institutions and foreign coaches to enhance performance.

b. Hosting International Events

Promoting the hosting of international competitions in Tamil Nadu to provide athletes with exposure to top-level competitions.

c. Advanced Coaching and Facilities

Providing specialised coaching through high-performance coaching along with sports science services and ensuring access to world-class training facilities and equipment.

d. International Competitions

Promoting and supporting participation in international competitions through financial and logistical assistance. At this stage, the focus is on ensuring athletes

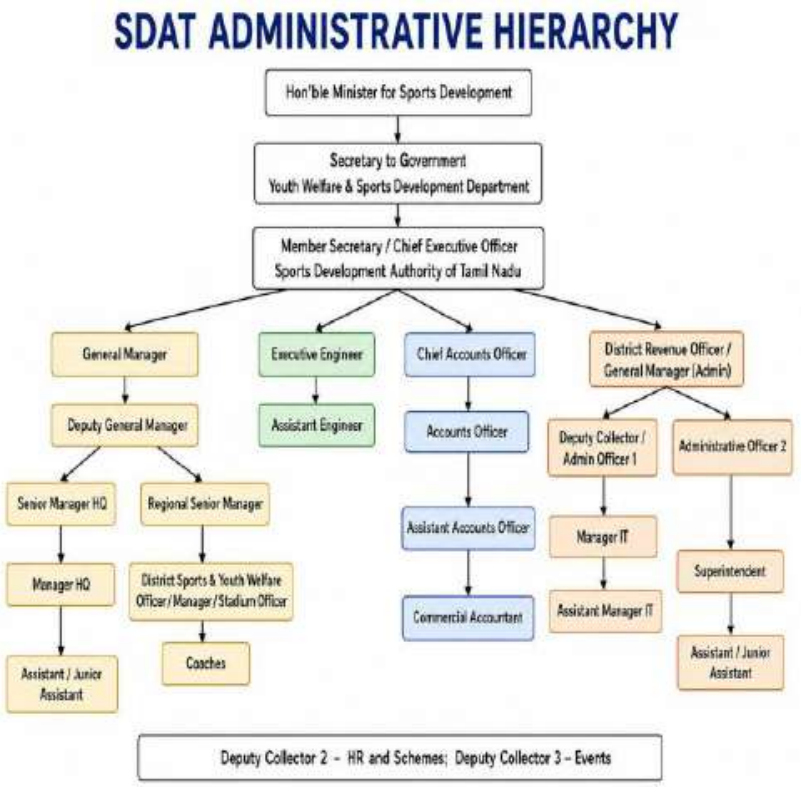
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receive top-tier support and resources, enabling them to perform at their best on the global stage.

1.4 Organisation Structure of Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu is the President of the Authority and the Executive Committee of SDAT is headed by the Hon'ble Minister for sports development.

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The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu functions under the administrative control of the Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department, with the Member Secretary of SDAT also serving as the ex-officio Director of Youth Welfare, thereby integrating youth welfare with sports development.

The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu has a total sanctioned strength of 644

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employees, supporting its wide-ranging operations across the State. This includes 38 district sports units, 28 sports hostels, 7 sports hostels of excellence and 9 centres of excellence.

1.5 Aadukalam Information Centre (Call Centre)

The Aadukalam Information Centre (📞+91 9514000777) is functioning at the head office of the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT), Chennai, and provides information and guidance on various government sports schemes, welfare measures, tournaments and sports-related activities to athletes and the general public, thereby ensuring better accessibility and support services.

1.6 Digital Initiatives

The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu has introduced several e-governance initiatives to simplify procedures and improve access to its services. These initiatives include

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online applications for sports schemes and programs, digital information sharing, grievance support, and easy access to details on tournaments, training, and welfare measures. Through these measures, SDAT aims to provide efficient, transparent and user-friendly services to athletes and the general public.

1.6.1. TNSports Aadukalam App

The TNSports Aadukalam (**ஆடுகளம்**) app is the official mobile application of the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu. It serves as a comprehensive platform for players and the general public, offering a range of features to enhance engagement with sports activities in the state.

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The app can be downloaded from the Google Play Store, giving users easy access to all these features on their android devices.

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Key Features of the App

a. Information Access:

Users can access a wealth of information about sports hostels, training programs and other resources related to sports development in Tamil Nadu.

b. Notifications:

Receive timely updates on upcoming events, registration deadlines and other important announcements from SDAT.

1.6.2 Digital Application for Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation

The Tamil Nadu Champions web portal (https://tnchampions.sdat.in) allows athletes to apply for essential support in competitions, training and sports equipment. Sponsors can also use the portal to contribute to the growth of sports competitions, training, equipment and infrastructure in Tamil Nadu.

- The Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation, a Section 8 company under the Companies **Act 2013**, started with a **Rs.3.00 crore** grant and has mobilised **Rs.37.88 crore** from corporates, philanthropists and donors, of which **Rs.37.37 crore** is spent.

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Other online services developed for Sportspersons include (https://www.sdat.tn.gov.in/):

a. ELITE / MIMS / CDS Special Initiatives Schemes
b. Online Application for High Cash Incentives (HCI)
c. Pension for outstanding Sportspersons who are in Indigent condition
d. SDAT Sports Hostel Admission
e. Chief Minister State Youth Festival
f. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's State Youth Award
g. Online application for 3% reservation for Sports Quota in Government services
h. Online Stadia Booking
i. Online Membership Booking
j. Online Shopping Complex Management System
k. Online Registration for Competitions

Chapter – 2

Major Initiatives for Sports Development

2.1 Chief Minister's Trophy Games

The Government of Tamil Nadu is committed to promoting sports and developing Tamil Nadu as a leading sports destination in India through talent development, identification and promotion.

The Chief Minister's Trophy Games, the flagship initiative of SDAT, are conducted in 45 sports disciplines, including traditional games such as kabaddi and silambam. Competitions are held for school and college students, general public, government employees and differently abled persons in both men and women categories at the district, regional and state levels.

- The Chief Minister's Trophy Games cover 45 disciplines including kabaddi and silambam, for students, the general public, Government employees and differently abled persons, in men's and women's categories.

District-level competitions are conducted across all 38 districts with more than 10 lakh participants taking part. New disciplines for

- District-level Chief Minister's Trophy competitions in all 38 districts draw more than **10 lakh** participants; the State-level rounds across 13 cities involve over 32,000 sportspersons and 4,000 officials.

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2026 edition include Mallakhamb, Archery, Wushu, Canoeing, kayaking, Shooting and Skating. The state-level competitions are organised across 13 cities of the state. More than 32,000 sportspersons along with 4,000 referees, coaches and officials participate in the State level games. Attractive cash prizes are awarded to medal winners to encourage sporting excellence.

- New disciplines for the **2026** edition: Mallakhamb, archery, wushu, canoeing, kayaking, shooting and skating.

District Level – Prize Details

Position	Individual Events (in Rs.)	Team Games for each player (in Rs.)
I	3,000	3,000
II	2,000	2,000
III	1,000	1,000

Regional Level – Prize Details

Position	Individual Events (in Rs.)	Team Games for each player (in Rs.)
I	3,000	3,000
II	2,000	2,000
III	1,000	1,000

State Level – Prize Details

Position	Individual Events (in Rs.)	Team Games for each player (in Rs.)
I	1,00,000	75,000
II	75,000	50,000
III	50,000	25,000

- State-level prizes: **Rs.1,00,000** for first place in individual events and **Rs.75,000** per player in team games, against **Rs.3,000** at district and regional level - the jump is where the incentive bites.

Trophies were awarded to the following winning districts for the year 2025.

First Place – Chennai District

Second Place – Chengalpattu District

Third Place – Coimbatore District

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The Government of Tamil Nadu allocated Rs.83.36 crore for conducting the Chief Minister's Trophy Games 2026.

- **Rs.83.36 crore** was allocated for the Chief Minister's Trophy Games **2026**. Chennai, Chengalpattu and Coimbatore took the first three district trophies in **2025**.

Game Management System (GMS)

The Games Management System (GMS) was implemented as a key mechanism for the smooth and effective management of the Chief Minister's Trophy Games.

e-Sports

e-Sports have rapidly evolved from a form of entertainment into a globally recognised competitive sporting event. e-Sports involve competitive video gaming, wherein players and teams compete at the highest level across various games. Driven by growing demand from e-Sports athletes, professional tournament series and major championships, e-Sports is now established

- e-Sports is now a recognised discipline in the Chief Minister's Trophy Games on par with traditional athletics.

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as a recognised sport in the Chief Minister's Trophy Games on par with traditional athletic disciplines.

2.2 Olympic Gold Quest

The Olympic Games are among the most prestigious international sporting events in which sportspersons from across the world participate and compete in various disciplines. Winning a medal at the Olympic games is regarded as one of the highest achievements in the field of sports and remains a cherished aspiration for sportspersons.

In this regard, the Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing a dedicated scheme known as "Olympic Gold Quest", with the objective of enabling sportspersons from Tamil Nadu to achieve medal-winning performances at the Olympic Games.

- Olympic Gold Quest is the dedicated scheme aimed at medal-winning performances by Tamil Nadu sportspersons at the Olympic Games.

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2.3 Engagement of Foreign Coaches

Tamil Nadu is enhancing its coaching standards by engaging foreign coaches in various sports disciplines. Foreign coaches have been appointed for athletics, hockey, tennis, squash and fencing. This initiative is intended to enhance the performance levels of sportspersons in Tamil Nadu and assist them in achieving peak performance.

Foreign coaches have been engaged for athletics, hockey, tennis, squash and fencing; five expert coaches for hockey, kabaddi, cycling, table tennis and volleyball, plus para badminton and para athletics coaches.

2.4 Engagement of Expert Coaches

Five expert coaches have been appointed in the disciplines of hockey, kabaddi, cycling, table tennis and volleyball. Further, to provide specialised training to para-sportspersons in Tamil Nadu, para expert coaches for para badminton and para-athletics have also been appointed.

These coaches, based on their experience and expertise, are imparting specialised training

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to sportspersons in modern coaching methodologies, sports techniques and game strategies. This initiative has significantly contributed to enhancing the skills and performance levels of sportspersons across the State.

2.5 Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation (TNCF)

The Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation (TNCF) was launched to catalyse sports development in the State through partnerships with government agencies, corporate organisations, philanthropists and individual donors. The government provided an initial grant of Rs.3.00 crore for establishing the foundation.

TNCF functions as a section 8 company under the Companies Act, 2013, ensuring transparency and accountability in the mobilisation and utilisation of funds for sports development. The foundation supports athletes,

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sports infrastructure, training, equipment and participation in national and international competitions.

So far, TNCF has mobilised Rs.37.88 crore of which Rs.37.37 crore has been utilised for sports development activities. More than 4,386 athletes have benefited from financial assistance for participation in competitions, purchase of sports equipment and training support.

With the support of TNCF, hundreds of sportspersons have won medals at national and international level thereby showcasing the foundation’s significant contribution to sports excellence in Tamil Nadu.

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Chapter – 3

Sports Infrastructure

Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu plays a vital role in nurturing sporting talent by developing high-quality sports infrastructure to enable sportspersons to undergo training and excel in international competitions. These world-class facilities provide an appropriate environment for intensive training and offer essential amenities required for participation in elite-level sporting events.

The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu has established several prominent sports venues across the state. Notable among them are the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, SDAT Tennis Stadium and the Aquatics, Gymnastics and Badminton (AGB) Complex all of them at Chennai.

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Recognising the importance of sports infrastructure, SDAT has also undertaken initiatives to develop international-standard sports facilities at the district level. This ensures that young athletes from rural and semi-urban areas are provided with equal opportunities for training and achieving excellence in sports.

3.1 International Standard Facilities

3.1.1 Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium (JNS), Chennai

The Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai, is a premier outdoor sports facility with world-class infrastructure, reflecting the commitment of the state government towards sports development. With a seating capacity of about 40,000 spectators, the stadium is equipped with modern facilities for conducting sporting events and training activities.

The major facilities available in the stadium include a 400-metre eight-lane synthetic athletic

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track with UV-resistant class I certification, a natural grass football field and a 60-metre air-conditioned indoor athletic training track. Dedicated facilities have also been established for beach volleyball, volleyball, judo, weightlifting, table tennis, boxing, chess and carrom. All arenas are provided with high-quality lighting facilities. The upgraded LED lighting systems with DMX control technology meets the standards required for national and international competitions.

The stadium also has an air-conditioned gymnasium, the State Sports Facilitation Centre (SSFC), a 10-metre shooting range, media and conference halls and a box cricket facility.

Chennai Olympic Academy

The Chennai Olympic Academy is established within the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium campus. This facility provides modern infrastructure for sports such as volleyball, chess, judo, fencing and para-sports.

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The Academy has been established with the objective of enhancing the Olympic potential of athletes by providing high-performance and science-based training programmes. The Tamil Nadu Centre for Sports Science (TACSS) has also been established within the academy. This centre assists athletes in improving their physical fitness, strength and overall performance through scientific methods. It also provides support for injury prevention and faster recovery. Further, "Home of Chess" has been established here to promote and develop the globally renowned game of chess.

3.1.2 Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium (JNIS), Chennai

The Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai, is a major venue for conducting indoor sports competitions and non-sporting events, with a seating capacity of about 8,000 spectators.

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The stadium is equipped with a centrally air-conditioned wooden-floored arena and provides facilities for sports such as badminton, basketball, boxing, judo, kabaddi, table tennis, taekwondo, volleyball and weightlifting.

In addition, the stadium has basketball courts with floodlighting facilities, volleyball courts, an indoor boxing ring and an international-standard open-air synthetic skating rink. A modern conference hall is also available for conducting seminars, conferences and cultural programmes.

3.1.3 Integrated Sports Complex at Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai

The Integrated Sports Complex at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai, known as the 'B' Ground, is equipped with a brand new 400-metre eight-lane synthetic athletic track with spectator seating facilities, a natural grass

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football field, an indoor hydrotherapy swimming pool and an air-conditioned indoor squash court.

The stadium also has an air-conditioned indoor badminton arena for differently abled, volleyball courts with floodlights, basketball courts, Sports Hostel and Centre of Excellence for school girls and a Sports Hostel of Excellence for (Women) college students.

A dedicated throwing sector for athletic events such as javelin throw, shot put, discus throw and hammer throw has been established at the 'B' Ground at an estimated cost of Rs.2.49 crore.

3.1.4 Mayor Radhakrishnan (MRK) Hockey Stadium, Chennai

The Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Chennai, is equipped with an Olympic-standard synthetic hockey turf with floodlighting facilities and a seating capacity of 5,599 spectators.

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The stadium also has a five-a-side hockey field, covered volleyball courts with floodlighting facilities, a Centre of Excellence for women college students specialising in hockey.

3.1.5 Aquatic, Gymnastics and Badminton (AGB) Complex, Velachery, Chennai

The AGB Complex at Velachery has an international standard eight-lane competitive swimming pool measuring 50 m x 25 m. The Complex also has a diving pool measuring 18 m x 25 m with a depth of 5 m and a training pool measuring 25 m x 25 m, along with a spectator gallery. The Complex is provided with an air-conditioned fitness centre, an indoor badminton stadium and a Centre of Excellence for school students in swimming and gymnastics. The existing gymnastics arena has also been renovated and upgraded with modern facilities to meet the standards required for international competitions. Further, the aquatics facility and

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diving pool are now being renovated and upgraded to World Aquatics standards.

3.1.6 Tennis Stadium, Nungambakkam, Chennai

The Tennis Stadium at Nungambakkam has a seating capacity of about 7,000 spectators and comprises one central court in the main stadium and six practice courts. All courts are equipped with floodlighting facilities and international standard synthetic-surface flooring. A Centre of Excellence for tennis for both boys and girls and an air-conditioned gymnasium for athletes and members have also been established.

3.2 District Sports Complexes (DSC)

District Sports Complexes have been established in 34 out of the 38 district headquarters across the State. These facilities are intended to benefit sportspersons as well as the general public. The district sports complexes are

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provided with infrastructure for athletics, basketball, football, kabaddi, volleyball, swimming and indoor sports activities.

3.2.1 New District Sports Complexes

District Sports Complexes (DSC) are being constructed in the 6 newly created districts, at a cost of Rs.15.00 crore each. Out of these 6, DSCs have been completed and brought into use in Tenkasi district and Chengalpattu district. Construction work is in progress for establishing District Sports Complexes in Kallakurichi, Ranipet, and Tirupathur districts. Further, action is being taken for the establishment of a new District Sports Complex in Mayiladuthurai district.

3.3 Multipurpose Indoor Stadia

There are 34 Multipurpose Indoor Stadia functioning across 27 districts in the State. In Chennai, such facilities are available at the District Sports Complex - Nehru Park, AGB Sports

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Complex at Velachery, Shenoy Nagar Sports Complex and Mogappair Integrated Sports Complex. Multipurpose Indoor Stadia are also available in Ariyalur, Chengalpattu, Dharmapuri, Dindigul, Kancheepuram, Kanniyakumari, Krishnagiri, Madurai, Nagapattinam, Namakkal, Perambalur, Salem, Thanjavur, Thoothukudi, Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli, Tiruppur, Tiruvannamalai, Tiruvarur, Tirupathur, Theni, Tenkasi, Viluppuram, Virudhunagar, The Nilgiris and Vellore districts.

These indoor stadia are equipped with facilities for sports such as badminton, basketball, fencing, volleyball, judo, kabaddi and table tennis. The construction of a multipurpose indoor stadium at the Pudukkottai district sports stadium is in progress.

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3.4 Synthetic Surfaces

3.4.1 Synthetic Athletic Tracks

Tamil Nadu has 10 synthetic athletic tracks established across 9 districts. These facilities are available at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium and the Integrated Sports Complex within the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai, besides Coimbatore, Madurai, Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli, Tiruvannamalai, Erode, Thanjavur and The Nilgiris districts.

The establishment of synthetic athletic tracks at the District Sports Complexes in Ramanathapuram, Salem and Cuddalore districts is under progress.

3.4.2 Synthetic Hockey Turfs

Eight synthetic hockey turfs are available in Tamil Nadu at Chennai, Madurai, Kovilpatti, Ramanathapuram, Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli, Ariyalur and Tiruvannamalai. To host and conduct

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the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup – 2025, the synthetic hockey turf at the Madurai District Sports Complex was renovated at a cost of Rs.20.00 crore and upgraded to international standards.

3.4.3 Synthetic Tennis Courts

36 synthetic tennis courts have been established across 16 districts in Tamil Nadu. These include courts at the Tennis Stadium, Nungambakkam, District Sports Complex, Nehru Park and Mogappair Integrated Sports Complex in Chennai.

Similar facilities have also been developed in the districts of Ariyalur, Cuddalore, Kancheepuram, Krishnagiri, Madurai, Perambalur, Ramanathapuram, Salem, The Nilgiris, Thanjavur, Tirunelveli, Tiruchirappalli, Vellore, Pudukkottai, and Tiruvannamalai.

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Under the Olympic Academy Scheme, 3 tennis courts at the Madurai District Sports Complex were renovated, upgraded to synthetic tennis courts, and opened for use.

3.5 Swimming Pools

In Tamil Nadu, 40 swimming pools are functioning across 29 districts. These include the Hydrotherapy Swimming Pool at the Integrated Sports Complex within the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai; AGB Complex at Velachery, Anna Swimming Pool, Chief Minister's Mini Stadium at Kolathur, SDAT Sports Complex at Mogappair and Shenoy Nagar Swimming Pool.

Swimming pool facilities are also available in Ariyalur, Cuddalore, Chengalpattu, Dharmapuri, Dindigul, Erode, Kancheepuram, Kanniyakumari, Krishnagiri, Madurai, Nagapattinam, Namakkal, Perambalur, Pudukkottai, Ramanathapuram, Salem, Sivagangai, Thanjavur, Theni, Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli (District Sports

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Complex and Manomaniam Sundranar University), Tiruvallur, Thoothukudi, Tiruvarur, Tiruvannamalai, Vellore, Viluppuram and Virudhunagar Districts.

Construction works are in progress for establishing an Olympic-standard swimming pool measuring 50 m x 25 m at the Karur District Sports Complex and an Olympic pool measuring 50 m x 25 m with diving facilities at the Madurai District Sports Complex.

3.6 Maintenance of Infrastructure

Renovation works, including repairs and refurbishment of district sports complexes and sports stadia under the control of SDAT are being undertaken. Sports hostels under the control of SDAT are also being repaired and renovated.

To enhance facilities for students, youth and the general public using the gymnasiums established in sports stadia under the control of

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SDAT, existing gymnasiums in district sports complexes have been upgraded with air-conditioning facilities and modern equipment.

Further, infrastructure facilities at indoor and outdoor sports stadia across the State are being modified to ensure accessibility for para-sportspersons. In the first phase, accessibility enhancement works are being carried out in Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, Pudukkottai, Tiruvallur and Nagapattinam districts at an estimated cost of Rs.2.43 crore

In the second phase, similar accessibility works are being undertaken at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Nungambakkam Tennis Stadium and AGB Complex at Velachery, Chennai, at an estimated cost of Rs.2.13 crore

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The Mogappair Sports Complex, Chennai, has been renovated at an estimated cost of Rs.2.98 crore. The Anna Swimming Pool at Marina, Chennai, is renovated and upgraded at an estimated cost of Rs.2.74 crore.

Renovation works in 24 Chief Minister's Mini Sports Stadia under the control of SDAT are being executed through the district rural development agency at an estimated cost of Rs.15.00 crore.

Synthetic athletic track at the integrated sports complex within the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai is now re-laid at a cost of Rs.8.00 crore.

The spectator gallery at the Nehru Sports Complex in Coimbatore district has been renovated and modernised along with comprehensive external development works at an estimated cost of Rs.4.89 crore.

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3.7 Tamil Nadu Centre for Sports Science (TACSS)

The Tamil Nadu Centre for Sports Science (TACSS) has been established on the third floor of the Chennai Olympic Academy within the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai.

The Centre has been established to assess and analyse the strengths and weaknesses of sportspersons through scientific evaluation and to recommend appropriate corrective measures. This enables athletes to improve their performance and achieve excellence at higher levels of competition.

The major components of the centre include sports biomechanics, physiotherapy, sports nutrition, sports medicine, exercise physiology, sports psychology and strength training and conditioning.

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Qualified professionals, including a high-performance director, technical director, head coach, physiotherapist/massage therapist, nutritionist, conditioning experts and biomechanics experts are part of this centre.

3.7.1 Integrated Sports Science Centre at Madurai

The Integrated Sports Science Centre at the Madurai district sports complex has been established to provide scientific and rehabilitative support to sportspersons. The centre facilitates recovery from injuries, the prevention of sports-related injuries, and the restoration of physical fitness and peak performance through specialised treatment and rehabilitation services. The centre also undertakes awareness programmes on anti-doping measures and promotes drug-free and ethical sporting practices among athletes.

3.7.2 High Altitude Training Centre (HATC) at The Nilgiris

The High-Altitude Training Centre at The Nilgiris has been established to enhance the endurance and performance capabilities of sportspersons through training in a low-oxygen environment. Through scientific training methods, the centre aims to improve the stamina, strength, resilience, and overall athletic performance of sportspersons to excel at national and international levels.

3.8 Gymnasium / Fitness Centre facilities for Secretariat Officers and Staff

Fitness centres for male and female employees have been established at the secretariat. These centres have been established with the objective of promoting physical fitness, self-confidence, health and wellbeing among employees and to reduce stress, anxiety and fatigue.

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3.9 Establishment of International Cricket Stadium in Coimbatore

It is proposed to establish an International Cricket Stadium over an extent of 28.36 acres at Singanallur in Coimbatore district. The proposed stadium is envisioned as a world-class cricketing venue that meets the needs of cricketers, sports professionals, and cricket enthusiasts.

The proposed infrastructure will include a modern stadium with advanced sporting facilities, practice pitches, training grounds, gymnasium facilities and sports academies. The venue is proposed to host local, domestic, national and international cricket tournaments.

The following facilities are proposed to be established as part of the International Cricket Stadium project:

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Description	Measurement / Nos.
Field of Play (FOP) Area	167m x 140m
Total number of Pitches	7 Nos
Indoor Practice Pitches	8 Nos
Total seating capacity	30,000 Seats
Corporate Boxes	47 Nos
Sports Club	World-class Gym, Swimming pool, Lounge
Other facilities	Jogging track and Spectator facilities

The proposed international cricket stadium is envisaged as a landmark sporting facility that will serve as a premier venue for hosting national and international cricket tournaments in Tamil Nadu.

3.10 Olympic Academies

Olympic Academies have been established with the objective of providing integrated facilities under one roof for high-performance athletes

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aspiring to win medals at the Olympic Games. The Academies are intended to identify, nurture and develop talented sportspersons aspiring to represent Tamil Nadu and India at the international level. The Academies provide specialised coaching in Olympic disciplines, supported by world-class training methodologies, modern sports infrastructure, sports science support systems, advanced equipment and other facilities required for athlete development.

Olympic Academies have been established and are functioning at Chennai, Madurai and The Nilgiris. Work for the Olympic Academy at Tiruchirappalli is in progress.

i) Olympic Academy, Chennai

The Olympic Academy at Chennai has been established in the three-storied building within the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium campus. Facilities have been created to provide training in volleyball, chess, fencing, and judo. A modern gymnasium

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and the Tamil Nadu Centre for Sports Sciences have also been established and are functioning within the academy premises. Further, the "Home of Chess" has been established to promote and develop chess.

ii) Olympic Academy in Tiruchirappalli

An Olympic Academy is being developed in a phased manner at Elanthapatti village in Thiruverumbur taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, over an extent of 47.87 acres, at an estimated total cost of Rs.150.00 crore. In the first phase, works are being undertaken at an estimated cost of Rs.50.00 crore for the establishment of administrative and academy buildings, sports science and accommodation facilities, a spectator gallery with a seating capacity of 1,000 persons, changing rooms, an indoor sports complex, swimming pool and facilities for basketball, badminton and handball. The project also includes

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a 400-metre synthetic athletic track and allied infrastructure facilities. In the second phase, additional facilities will be established at an estimated cost of Rs.100.00 crore, including separate hostels for boys and girls, a cycling velodrome, hockey field, handball court, tennis courts, archery range, shooting range and swimming pool amongst others.

iii) Olympic Academy in Madurai

The Olympic Academy at Madurai has been established at the Dr. M.G.R. Sports Complex at an estimated cost of Rs.6.00 crore. The academy has been provided with an indoor sports arena for kabaddi and table tennis, an air-conditioned gymnasium, three synthetic tennis courts and a basketball court.

An international-standard hockey stadium and a swimming pool with diving facilities also form part of the Madurai Olympic Academy.

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iv) Olympic Academy in HADP, Open Air Stadium, The Nilgiris

The Olympic Academy at the HADP Open Air Stadium, The Nilgiris, has been established at an estimated cost of Rs.3.00 crore. The academy is equipped with an indoor gymnasium and a multipurpose indoor hall for training and sports development activities.

3.11 Chief Minister's Mini-Stadium

Chief Minister's Mini Stadia are being established at an estimated cost of Rs.3.00 crore each. Out of the 234 Assembly Constituencies in Tamil Nadu, various sports infrastructure facilities have already been established in 79 constituencies. Further, works for establishing Chief Minister's Mini Stadia, multipurpose sports complexes and training centres are under progress in 63 assembly constituencies.

Chief Minister's Mini Stadia are being developed with a minimum of five major sports

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facilities, including athletics, football, basketball, handball, kabaddi and other sports popular in the respective localities.

In the first phase, Chief Minister's Mini Stadia have been established in the following 9 assembly constituencies.

Sl. No.	District	Assembly Constituency	
1.	Chennai	1.	Kolathur
		2.	Chepauk
2.	Tirupathur	3.	Vaniyambadi
3.	Tirupur	4.	Kangeyam
4.	Madurai	5.	Solavandhan
5.	Thoothukudi	6.	Srivaikundam
6.	Kanniyakumari	7.	Padmanabapuram
7.	Pudukkottai	8.	Alangudi
8.	Sivagangai	9.	Karaikudi

In the second phase, Chief Minister's Mini Stadia are being established in the following

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22 assembly constituencies. The Mini Stadia in Mettur and Attur assembly constituencies of Salem district, Tambaram assembly constituency of Chengalpattu district, Sendhamangalam assembly constituency of Namakkal district and Thiruverumbur assembly constituency of Tiruchirappalli district have been completed and opened for use.

Sl. No.	District	Assembly Constituency	
1.	Kancheepuram	1	Uthiramerur
2.	Salem	2	Mettur
		3	Attur
3.	Tiruvannamalai	4	Kilpennathur
		5	Kalasapakkam
4.	Nagapattinam	6	Kilvelur
5.	Tiruppur	7	Dharapuram
6.	Namakkal	8	Senthamangalam
7.	Chengalpattu	9	Tambaram
8.	Cuddalore	10	Kurinjipadi
		11	Panruti
9.	Thanjavur	12	Kumbakonam

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Sl. No.	District	Assembly Constituency	
10.	Dharmapuri	13	Pennagaram
11.	Madurai	14	Usilampatti
		15	Melur
12.	Dindigul	16	Athoor
		17	Oddanchatram
13.	Ramanathapuram	18	Ramanathapuram
14.	Erode	19	Modakkurichi
15.	Tiruchirappalli	20	Thiruverumbur
16.	Kanniyakumari	21	Colachal
17.	Tiruvarur	22	Mannargudi

In the third phase, Chief Minister's Mini Stadia are being established in the following 44 assembly constituencies. These works are being executed through the district rural development agency and are in progress.

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Sl. No.	Name of the District	Name of the Assembly Constituency	
1.	Krishnagiri	1	Bargur
		2	Thalli
2.	Pudukkottai	3	Aranthangi
		4	Thirumayam
		5	Gandharvakottai
3.	Thanjavur	6	Peravurani
		7	Thiruvaiyaru
		8	Thiruvidaimarudur
		9	Orathanadu
4.	Theni	10	Cumbum
5.	Coimbatore	11	Kinathukadavu
		12	Pollachi
6.	Vellore	13	Gudiyattam
7.	Tiruchirappalli	14	Manapparai
8.	Viluppuram	15	Gingee
		16	Tindivanam
		17	Tirukkoyilur
9.	Tiruvallur	18	Poonamallee

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		19	Ponneri
		20	Gummidipoondi
10.	Chennai	21	Maduravoyal
		22	Thiru.Vi.Ka Nagar
		23	Perambur
11.	Cuddalore	24	Kattumannarkoil
12.	Virudhunagar	25	Aruppukkottai
		26	Rajapalayam
		27	Tiruchuli
13.	Kancheepuram	28	Alandur
		29	Sriperumbudur
14.	Erode	30	Erode West
15.	Namakkal	31	Tiruchengode
		32	Rasipuram
16.	Tiruvarur	33	Nannilam
		34	Thiruthuraipoondi
17.	Sivagangai	35	Manamadurai
18.	Madurai	36	Madurai (East)
		37	Madurai (West)
19.	Karur	38	Kulithalai
20.	Chengalpattu	39	Madurantakam

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21.	Dindigul	40	Vedasandur
22.	Kanniyakumari	41	Killiyoor
23.	Salem	42	Sangagiri
		43	Edappadi
24.	Thoothukudi	44	Kovilpatti

3.12 Kalaignar Centenary Boxing Academy

The Kalaignar Centenary Boxing Academy at Gopalapuram, Chennai, is equipped with a secure boxing arena, a spectator gallery with seating capacity for 890 persons, administrative offices, coaches' rooms, a medical room, a gymnasium, training spaces and separate dressing rooms for men and women.

3.13 Multi-purpose Sports Complex, Salem

A Multi-Purpose Sports Complex is being developed on the campus of Government Engineering College, Karuppur, Salem District,

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with an indoor stadium, swimming pool, athletic track and long-jump facility.

3.14 Gymnastics Centre, Erode

A special gymnastics development centre has been established at Karattupalayam in Erode district to promote gymnastics in Tamil Nadu, with special focus on encouraging participation amongst local communities.

The centre provides scientific training, nutritious food and opportunities to participate in competitions, thereby enabling athletes to excel in their respective disciplines.

3.15 New Sports Hostels

A modern sports hostel for men with advanced facilities is being developed at Anupperpalayam village in Coimbatore district at an estimated cost of Rs.7.95 crore.

Similarly, a modern sports hostel for men is being constructed at the multi-purpose sports

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complex within the Government Engineering College campus at Karuppur in Salem District at an estimated cost of Rs.7.93 crore.

In the Madurai district sports complex, a new sports hostel is being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 5.60 crore.

In addition, a sports hostel is being established at the kalaignar centenary boxing academy campus at Gopalapuram, Chennai, at an estimated cost of Rs.3.00 crore.

3.16 Centres of Excellence

Centres of Excellence for training in Fencing, Badminton, Cycling and Archery have been established at the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University campus at Melakottaiyur.

A Centre of Excellence for Tennis has been established at the Nungambakkam tennis stadium. Specialised training centres for Swimming and Gymnastics have also been established at the Velachery AGB Complex.

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3.17 Sports Hostels of Excellence

A Sports Hostel of Excellence for women hockey has been established at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Egmore, Chennai. Similarly, a Sports Hostel of Excellence has been established in Kancheepuram district for women college students in Handball and Kabaddi.

A Sports Hostel of Excellence building for men hockey has been established at Kovilpatti in Thoothukudi district at a cost of Rs.7.00 crore.

3.18 Weightlifting Training Centre, Paramakudi

In Ramanathapuram district, competitions are being conducted under the talent identification program to improve physical fitness amongst coastal communities. Students and athletes who perform well in these competitions are provided with sports hostel facilities and specialised weightlifting training.

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As part of this initiative, a modern weightlifting training centre with advanced facilities has been established at Paramakudi in Ramanathapuram district at an estimated cost of Rs.50.00 lakh.

3.19 Establishment of Para-Sports Arenas

For the first time in India, Para-Sports arenas are being established at district sports complexes across Tamil Nadu to provide dedicated sports infrastructure for differently abled persons. In the first phase, a total sum of Rs.7.38 crore was provided, including Rs.2.38 crore for Chennai district and Rs.1.00 crore each for Tiruchirappalli, Madurai, Salem, Cuddalore and Tirunelveli districts. These para-sports arenas have been established and opened for use. In the second phase, para-sports arenas are being established at the district sports complexes in Tiruvallur, Tiruvannamalai, Thanjavur, Dindigul and Krishnagiri districts, with an allocation of

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Rs.1.50 crore for each district. The para-sports arenas at Dindigul, Krishnagiri, Tiruvannamalai and Thanjavur have now been completed and opened for use.

3.20 Olympic Water Sports Academy, Ramanathapuram

Tamil Nadu's long coastline provides considerable opportunities for water sports. Coastal areas such as Kovalam, Mahabalipuram and Ramanathapuram are suitable for training in sports such as surfing, sailing, kayaking and stand-up paddle surfing.

The Olympic Water Sports academy is being established at Pirappanvalasai in Ramanathapuram district and will include a sports complex, administrative buildings, dining halls, parking areas, boat parking facilities, equipment storage centres, gymnasium and accommodation for coaches and officials.

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3.21 Establishment of a Sailing Academy and Sailing Training Centre in Chennai

The Government have allotted 2.75 acres of land at marina beach for the establishment of the sailing academy. The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.7.00 crore for the establishment of the Tamil Nadu Sailing Academy and Special Training Centre for sailing competitions in Chennai, and the construction work is in progress.

3.22 Throwing Sector, Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium

A dedicated Throwing Sector for athletic events such as javelin throw, shot put, discus throw and hammer throw has been established at the 'B' Ground within the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai, at an estimated cost of Rs.2.49 crore.

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3.23 Availability of Sports Infrastructure facilities in the State

A comprehensive list of sports infrastructure facilities available in each district under the control of the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) is furnished in the annexure to this policy note.

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Chapter – 4

Talent Identification and Talent Development

4.1. Talent Identification

The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) implements various schemes and programs for the identification of sporting talent at an early stage and for providing systematic training to enable sportspersons to participate and excel at state, national, and international levels.

The major initiatives undertaken for talent identification are as follows:

- World Beaters Talent Spotting Scheme
- Specialised Academies
- Selection Trials for Sports Hostel (School Level)
- Selection Trials for Sports Hostel of Excellence (College Level)
- Conduct of Various Coaching Camps

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4.1.1 World Beaters Talent Spotting Scheme (WBTSS)

The Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing the World Beaters Talent Spotting Scheme (WBTSS) for identifying young sporting talent across the State. Under the scheme, students studying in Classes VI, VII and VIII in all schools are assessed through a series of tests designed to evaluate motor qualities such as speed, endurance, strength, explosive power and agility. The objective of the scheme is to identify students having potential for specific sports and games at an early age.

- The World Beaters Talent Spotting Scheme assesses students in Classes VI, VII and VIII for motor qualities, to spot sporting potential early.

4.1.2 Identification of Talents

At the school level, an initial series of assessments is conducted to identify children with sporting potential. The school education department, in coordination with the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu, undertakes the process of talent identification.

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The following tests are conducted to assess motor qualities:

Sl. No.	Name of the Test	Skill to be identified
1.	50m Run	Speed
2.	600 m Run for girls / 800 m Run for Boys	Endurance
3.	4 Kg Shot Put	Strength
4.	Standing board Long Jump	Explosive Power
5.	6 x 10m Shuttle Run	Agility

- Five tests measure five qualities: 50 m run for speed, 600 m (girls) or 800 m (boys) for endurance, 4 kg shot put for strength, standing long jump for explosive power and 6x10 m shuttle run for agility.

In the second stage of the scheme, educational district-level competitions are conducted for boys and girls securing scores of 10,9 or 8 out of 10 in the tests conducted at the school level. Thereafter, regional-level competitions are organised at various locations.

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During April and May every year, the top performers are selected to participate in selection trials for admission to SDAT Sports Hostels and specialised sports academies. Students selected through the trials are admitted to the respective sports hostels and academies, where they are provided with systematic coaching and training in their identified disciplines.

4.1.3 Selection Trials for Sports Hostels

The Government has established sports hostels, centres of excellence and sports hostels of excellence across the state to provide integrated residential training facilities for promising sportspersons. Applications for admissions are received online. The selection process is conducted at district and state levels.

4.1.4 TN Talent Program (Selection Process)

Under the TN talent programme, applications for admission to Sports Hostels are invited online for participation in district-level selection trials.

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Interested sportspersons are required to submit their applications online along with personal details, sports achievements and relevant certificates.

Based on the particulars furnished in the applications, eligible candidates are shortlisted and informed through SMS and WhatsApp to participate in the district-level selection trials.

During the district-level selection trials, the sports skills, physical fitness and potential of the candidates are assessed by expert coaches and selectors. Candidates who perform well are called for state-level selection trials and counselling. Following counselling, selected students are admitted to SDAT Sports Hostels, where they are provided with coaching, mentoring and access to sports infrastructure. The total allotted strength for sports hostels is 2041, centres of excellence is 209 and sports hostels of excellence is 350. In total, these facilities accommodate 2,600 athletes.

- Residential capacity: 2,041 in sports hostels, 209 in centres of excellence and 350 in sports hostels of excellence - 2,600 athletes in all.

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4.2 Coaching Camps

4.2.1 Summer Coaching Camp

Summer coaching camps are conducted every year at district headquarters for boys and girls below 16 years of age. The camps are conducted in disciplines such as athletics, basketball, football, hockey, volleyball and other popular sports in the respective districts.

The camps are conducted during the summer vacation under the guidance of qualified coaches and sports experts.

4.2.2 District Level Residential Coaching Camps

District-level residential coaching camps are conducted for 60 talented boys and girls identified in each educational district. The camps are conducted for a period of 15 days during the summer vacation.

- District-level residential coaching camps train 60 identified boys and girls per educational district for 15 days in the summer vacation.

Participants are provided with training in basic sports skills by qualified coaches and sports

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experts. The camps also encourage eligible sportspersons to participate in selection trials for admission to SDAT sports hostels and specialised sports academies.

4.2.3 Learn to Swim (LTS) Program

The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu conducts the learn to swim program at its swimming pools throughout the year. During the summer months from April to June, the program is conducted in batches for students and the interested public. The program provides one hour of training per day for 12 days.

- The Learn to Swim programme runs year-round at **SDAT** pools, an hour a day for 12 days, in batches for students and the public during April to June.

4.3 Talent Development

The Government of Tamil Nadu has adopted a comprehensive approach for the development of sporting talent in the State. Through sports hostels, centres of excellence, sports hostels of excellence, specialised sports academies and centres of high performance, young sportspersons are provided with residential facilities, scientific

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coaching, nutritious diet, sports equipment and access to sports infrastructure.

The Khelo India district centres, Khelo India state centre of excellence and Sports Authority of India training centres also contribute to the development of sporting talent at the grassroots, state and national levels.

Khelo India district centres, the Khelo India State Centre of Excellence and Sports Authority of India training centres supplement the State's own hostels and academies.

4.3.1 Sports Hostels

The Sports Hostels serve as a crucial part of the state's sports development strategy, offering a dedicated environment for young athletes to focus on their training and growth. By targeting students from the 6^{th}, 7^{th}, 8^{th}, 9^{th} and 11^{th} standards, the initiative ensures that talent is identified at an early age, providing them with the right guidance and resources to succeed. The selection process, through district and state-level trials, ensures that only the most promising athletes are chosen, giving them the opportunity to improve their skills under expert coaching.

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Specialised coaching and the facilities provided to hostel students are aimed at supporting their holistic development. In addition to scientific coaching, hostel students are provided with nutritious food, sports uniforms and shoes, sports kits and equipment.

In a landmark Government order dated 24.06.2026, the government enhanced the dietary grant from Rs.350/- to Rs.450/- per head per day, annual sports uniform and shoes grant from Rs.6,000/- to Rs.15,000/- per head per year, and the annual sports equipment grant from Rs.2,000/- to Rs.10,000/- per head per year. This landmark hike will strengthen the training ecosystem, improve the welfare of hostel students, and enable them to pursue sporting excellence with greater focus and confidence.

With 28 sports hostels across Tamil Nadu, the program currently accommodates 2041 students, fostering a competitive yet supportive atmosphere. These hostels not only

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help develop talent but also serve as a foundation for athletes to transition into higher levels of competition, including National and International platforms. The Government's continued investment in these sports hostels underlines its commitment to nurturing the next generation of athletes and building a strong sporting culture in Tamil Nadu.

The list of Sports Hostels along with disciplines is furnished below:

Sports Hostel for Boys

Sl. No.	Place of the Sports Hostel	Discipline	Allotted Strength
1	Ariyalur	Athletics, Hockey and Handball	60
2	Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Pudur, Chennai	Cricket	45
3	Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai	Boxing, Fencing, Judo, Para Athletics, Para	69

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Sl. No.	Place of the Sports Hostel	Discipline	Allotted Strength
		Badminton and Para Powerlifting	
4	Coimbatore	Athletics, Basketball, Volleyball, Fencing and Road Cycling	75
5	Cuddalore	Boxing, Taekwondo and Wrestling	60
6	Krishnagiri	Athletics, Football, Handball, Judo and Taekwondo	102
7	Madurai	Athletics, Basketball, Football, Hockey, Volleyball and Para Athletics	150
8	Neyveli (NLC)	Athletics, Basketball and Football	81
9	Ramanathapuram	Athletics, Wushu and Hockey	65

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Sl. No.	Place of the Sports Hostel	Discipline	Allotted Strength
10	Sivagangai	Athletics, Kabaddi and Football	60
11	Thanjavur	Athletics, Basketball, Volleyball and Weightlifting	64
12	Thoothukudi	Athletics, Basketball, Squash and Football	71
13	Tiruchirappalli	Athletics, Boxing, Football, Hockey, Taekwondo, Volleyball and Wushu	156
14	Tirunelveli	Athletics, Boxing, Hockey, Volleyball and Swimming	105
15	Viluppuram	Handball, Kabaddi and Mallakhamb	60

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Sl. No.	Place of the Sports Hostel	Discipline	Allotted Strength
16	Theni	Basketball, Football and Kabaddi	87
17	The Nilgiris	Athletics	25
		Total	**1335**

Sports Hostel for Girls

Sl. No.	Place of the Sports Hostel	Discipline	Allotted Strength
1.	Chennai Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium	Boxing, Fencing, Judo and Volleyball	70
2.	Dharmapuri	Kabaddi, Taekwondo and Volleyball	60
3.	Dindigul	Athletics, Basketball and Football	70
4.	Erode	Athletics, Football and Volleyball	84
5.	Nagercoil	Athletics, Fencing, Volleyball and Weightlifting	60

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Sl. No.	Place of the Sports Hostel	Discipline	Allotted Strength
6.	Namakkal	Football and Kabaddi	60
7.	Perambalur	Athletics, Handball and Taekwondo	60
8.	Pudukkottai	Athletics, Hockey and Weightlifting	65
9.	Tiruvannamalai	Athletics, Basketball, Handball, Mallakamb and Hockey	112
10.	Salem	Athletics and Fencing	40
11.	The Nilgiris	Athletics	25
		Total	**706**

4.3.2 Centre of Excellence (CoE)

The Centre of Excellence (CoE) offer specialised coaching and support to both boys and girls across various disciplines, catering to athletes from school to college levels. The CoE provides systematic and scientific coaching, combined with essential resources like nutritious

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food and top-quality facilities, all aimed at enhancing the athletes' performance and helping them reach their full potential.

In addition to expert coaching, athletes at the Centre of Excellence receive food, sports uniforms & shoes and sports equipment. In a landmark Government order dated 24.6.2026, the Government have enhanced the dietary grant from Rs.350/- to Rs.450/- per head per day, annual sports uniform & shoes grant from Rs.6,000/- to Rs.15,000/- per head per year and annual sports equipment grant from Rs.2,000/- to Rs.10,000/-. The enhanced financial assistance will strengthen the overall training environment and provide hostel students with better support to achieve excellence in sports.

The list of centres of excellence along with the disciplines is furnished below:

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Centres of Excellence

Sl. No.	Place of Hostel	Discipline	Allotted Strength
1	Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai (Boys)	Athletics	16
2	Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai (Girls)	Athletics	16
3	AGB Complex, Velachery, Chennai (Boys & Girls)	Gymnastics	50
		Swimming	
4	SDAT Tennis Stadium, Nungambakkam, Chennai (Boys & Girls)	Tennis	12
5	Sathuvachari, Vellore (Boys)	Weightlifting, Boxing	25
6	Tamil Nadu Physical Education &	Badminton	90
		Cycling	

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Sl. No.	Place of Hostel	Discipline	Allotted Strength
	Sports University, Melakottaiyur (Boys & Girls)	Archery (Boys)	
		Canoeing & kayaking	
		Table Tennis	
		Total	**209**

4.3.3 Sports Hostels of Excellence (SHE)

The Sports Hostels of Excellence (SHE) play a crucial role in shaping the future of college athletes by providing them with an integrated support system that includes elite-level coaching, personalised training and access to high-class facilities. This initiative is geared towards developing athletes who can compete at National and International levels. By offering advanced sports training tailored to individual needs, the SHE ensures that students are equipped with the

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right skills and techniques to excel in their chosen disciplines.

In addition to scientific coaching, students benefit from a structured diet plan and are provided with sports uniforms and shoes, sports kits and sports equipment. In a landmark Government order dated 24.6.2026, the Government have enhanced the dietary grant from Rs.350/- to Rs.450/- per head per day, and the sports uniform & shoes grant from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.25,000/- per head per year. Besides, a grant for sports equipment is provided with a grant from Rs.2000/- to Rs.10,000/-.

By providing these resources, the Sports Hostel of Excellence not only enhances the athletic capabilities of students but also encourages them to participate in National and International Level competitions. It serves as a nurturing environment where athletes can focus on their training without the burden of logistical or financial concerns, allowing them to pursue

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excellence in their sport and represent Tamil Nadu at the highest levels, with 7 Sports Hostels of Excellence accommodating 350 students.

The sports hostels of excellence for both boys and girls are operational in 7 locations, and the list along with the disciplines is furnished below:

Sl. No.	Place of Hostels	Discipline	Allotted Strength
1	Sports Hostel of Excellence (Men), Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai	Athletics Basketball Boxing Fencing Judo Volleyball Weightlifting	97
2	Sports Hostel of Excellence (Men), Kovilpatti, Thoothukudi District	Hockey	30
3	Sports Hostel of Excellence (Women), Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai	Athletics Boxing Basketball Football Judo Volleyball Weightlifting	98

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Sl. No.	Place of Hostels	Discipline	Allotted Strength
4	Sports Hostel of Excellence (Men), Katpadi, Vellore District	Football Handball Kabaddi	60
5	Sports Hostel of Excellence (Women), Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Chennai	Hockey	20
6	Sports Hostel of Excellence (Women), Kancheepuram	Kabaddi Handball	40
7	Sports Hostel of Excellence (Women), Salem	Athletics	5
		Total	**350**

4.3.4 Specialised Sports Academies

Specialised sports academies provide focused training facilities for young sportspersons in identified disciplines. The academies aim to promote sporting excellence by providing a structured environment for training and development.

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Students are selected for the academies under the World Beaters Talent Spotting Scheme based on their sporting potential. The academies provide coaching, fitness facilities and access to sports infrastructure to support the performance development of sportspersons.

Sl. No.	Name of the Specialised Academy	Place	Strength
1.	Sprint & Jumps Academy	Madurai	108
2.	Throws Academy	Tiruchirapalli	70
3.	Middle Distance Academy	Tiruvannamalai	150
4.	Long Distance Academy		
5.	Football Academy for Boys	Nagapattinam	111
6.	Football Academy for Girls	Dindigul	100
7.	Diving Academy for boys & Girls	Chennai	48
8.	Hockey Academy for boys & Girls	Chennai	135

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Sl. No.	Name of the Specialised Academy	Place	Strength
9.	AKG Table Tennis Academy	Chennai	65
10.	Tamil Nadu Squash Racket Academy	Chennai	55
11.	Canoeing & Kayaking Academy	Chengalpattu	25

4.3.5 High Performance Centres

a) High Altitude Training Centre

A High Altitude Training Centre has been established at Udhagamandalam to provide training opportunities for sportspersons in high-altitude conditions. The centre functions throughout the year and enables sportspersons to undertake endurance and performance-oriented training.

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b) Centre of Excellence for Canoeing and Kayaking

A Centre of Excellence for canoeing and kayaking has been established near the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University to promote water sports in the State. The Government has contributed Rs.2.58 crore for the establishment of the Centre. The Centre has been equipped with required facilities to provide coaching and training to sportspersons in canoeing and kayaking.

c) High-Performance Centre for Table Tennis

The Government has sanctioned Rs.7.82 crore for the establishment of a High-Performance Centre for Table Tennis at the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Melakottaiyur.

The Centre functions under the guidance of Olympian and Arjuna awardee Thiru. Achanta Sharath Kamal. Expert coaches and support staff

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have been appointed, and several young trainees are undergoing regular training at the Centre.

d) Advanced Training, Rehabilitation and Athletics Science Centre (ATRAC)

The Advanced Training, Rehabilitation and Athletics Science Centre (ATRAC) has been established at the Olympic Academy, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai, at a cost of Rs.9.92 crore. ATRAC provides sports science, rehabilitation and performance enhancement services to sportspersons training under SDAT. The Centre assists sportspersons in improving fitness, preventing injuries and enhancing performance. Biomechanical analysis and performance assessment are carried out at the Centre.

e) Home of Chess Academy

Home of Chess Academy was established at the Olympic Academy, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai, in 2025 at a cost of Rs.1.46 crore. The

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Academy serves as a dedicated high-performance training centre for the systematic development of chess talent across the State. Apart from providing coaching to trainees enrolled in the Home of Chess Academy, regular online coaching is also imparted to aspiring chess players across the State.

4.4 Khelo India Centres (KICs)

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, has launched the Khelo India Centres initiative under the Khelo India Scheme to promote sports at the grassroots level.

Under the initiative, 38 Khelo India District Centres have been established in the districts of Tamil Nadu to provide young sportspersons with coaching and training facilities. At the State level, the Khelo India State Centre of Excellence has been established at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai for Athletics, Boxing and Fencing.

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4.5 SDAT - STAR Academy

The SDAT-STAR Academy has been established with the objective of strengthening sports culture in Tamil Nadu through the creation of sports infrastructure and the provision of specialised coaching in various disciplines.

The Academy aims to identify and nurture talented sportspersons from rural and urban areas and provide them with training and support for participation in National and International competitions. More than 1,000 students are provided with specialised coaching and access to training facilities under the Scheme on a daily basis across all the districts.

The district-wise and discipline-wise details of SDAT-STAR Academies are furnished below:

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Discipline
1	Ariyalur	Badminton
2	Chengalpattu	Athletics
3	Chennai	Shooting

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Sl. No.	Name of the District	Discipline
4	Coimbatore	Kabaddi
5	Cuddalore	Table Tennis
6	Dharmapuri	Badminton
7	Dindigul	Badminton
8	Erode	Kabaddi
9	Kallakkurichi	Taekwondo
10	Kanchipuram	Fencing
11	Kanniyakumari	Martial Arts
12	Karur	Tennis
13	Krishnagiri	Boxing
14	Madurai	Weightlifting
15	Mayiladuthurai	Judo
16	Nagapattinam	Swimming
17	Namakkal	Tennis
18	Nilgiris	Badminton
19	Perambalur	Boxing
20	Pudukkottai	Volleyball
21	Ramanathapuram (Paramakudi)	Weightlifting
22	Ranipet	Boxing
23	Salem	Hand Ball
24	Sivagangai	Table Tennis
25	Tenkasi	Hockey

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Sl. No.	Name of the District	Discipline
26	Thanjavur	Wushu
27	Theni	Athletics
28	Thoothukudi	Taekwondo
29	Tiruchirappalli	Mallakhamb
30	Tirunelveli	Tennis
31	Tirupathur	Volleyball
32	Tiruppur	Badminton
33	Tiruvallur	Wrestling
34	Tiruvannamalai	Judo
35	Tiruvarur	Taekwondo
36	Vellore	Badminton
37	Viluppuram	Swimming
38	Virudhunagar	Boxing

4.6 Sports Authority of India (SAI) Training Centres

The Sports Authority of India Regional Training Centres at Mayiladuthurai, Salem and Chennai play an important role in identifying and developing young sporting talent in Tamil Nadu. The Sports Authority of India Training Centres

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Scheme caters to junior sportspersons in the age group of 10 to 18 years and provides them with systematic coaching under experienced coaches. The Government of Tamil Nadu supports these Centres by providing and strengthening the required sports infrastructure, while the Sports Authority of India provides coaching and training support to the sportspersons.

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Chapter – 5

Sports Achievements

Tamil Nadu has consistently produced sportspersons who have earned recognition at national and international levels, reflecting the strength of the State's sports development ecosystem. The achievements of sportspersons from Tamil Nadu serve as an inspiration to the younger generation and encourage them to pursue excellence in sports through dedication, perseverance and hard work. The Government is committed to identifying and nurturing sporting talent by providing quality coaching, modern sports infrastructure and necessary support systems. Financial assistance, incentives and welfare measures are also extended to meritorious sportspersons to facilitate their sustained development and achievement of excellence in sports.

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5.1 National Para Athletics Championships 2026

The 24th National Para Athletics Championships 2026 were held at Bhubaneswar, Odisha. A total of 36 para-athletes from Tamil Nadu participated in the Championship. The Tamil Nadu contingent secured second place in the overall championship by winning 51 medals comprising 14 Gold, 20 Silver and 17 Bronze medals. This achievement reflects the State's continued efforts towards the promotion of para sports and the provision of training, infrastructure and other support services to para sportspersons.

5.2 World Roller Skating Championship 2025

Thiru. Anand Kumar created history by becoming the first Indian to win two Gold medals and one Bronze medal at the World Roller Skating Championship held at Beidaihe, China, from 13th September 2025 to 21st September 2025.

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5.3 Carrom World Cup 2025

Selvi. L. Keerthana of Chennai secured three Gold medals in the Women's Singles, Women's Doubles and Women's Team events at the 7th Carrom World Cup held in the Maldives from 1st December 2025 to 7th December 2025.

5.4 Khelo India Beach Games 2026

The 2nd Khelo India Beach Games 2026 were held at Ghoghla Beach, Diu, from 5th January 2026 to 10th January 2026. Tamil Nadu secured the Runner-up position in the overall championship by winning 8 medals comprising 3 Gold, 2 Silver, and 3 Bronze medals.

5.5 Khelo India Winter Games 2026

The Khelo India Winter Games 2026 were held at Leh, Ladakh, from 20th January 2026 to 27th January 2026. A total of 6 ice skaters from

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Tamil Nadu participated, comprising 4 men and 2 women. The Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation extended financial assistance of Rs.3.00 lakh to facilitate their participation in the national-level event.

5.6 CHESS AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

5.6.1 FIDE World Chess Championship 2025 & 2026

Selvi. A.S. Sharvaanica won the Gold medal in the FIDE World Under-10 Girls Cadet Chess Championship 2025 held at Almaty, Kazakhstan, from 18th September 2025 to 1st October 2025. She also won the Gold medal in the FIDE World Cadet and Youth Rapid Chess Championship 2026 held at Vrnjacka Banja, Serbia, from 14th April 2026 to 21st April 2026.

5.6.2 FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2026

Selvi. Vaishali Rameshbabu has brought international recognition to India through her

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achievements in chess. She emerged as the champion of the FIDE Women's Grand Swiss Tournament in 2023 and 2025, demonstrating consistency and excellence at the international level. She also secured victory in the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2026 held at Pegeia from 28th March 2026 to 15th April 2026. Her achievements have enhanced India's prestige in international chess and served as an inspiration to aspiring sportspersons.

5.7 Asian Senior Weightlifting Championship 2026

Thiru. N. Ajith Kumar won 2 Bronze medals in the Men's 71 kg category in the Clean and Jerk and overall events at the Asian Senior Weightlifting Championship 2026 held at Gandhinagar, Gujarat. His achievement has brought laurels to Tamil Nadu and India in the field of weightlifting.

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5.8 Commonwealth Games, Glasgow 2026

Tamil Nadu sportspersons brought laurels to the State and the Nation through their outstanding performances at the 2026 Commonwealth Games held in Glasgow. Thiru. Raja Muthupandi won the Silver Medal in Weightlifting and received a high cash incentive of Rs. 30 lakh, Thiru. Praveen Chithravel won the Silver Medal in Triple Jump and received a high cash incentive of Rs. 30 lakh, and Thiru. Selva Prabhu won the Bronze Medal in Triple Jump and received a high cash incentive of Rs. 20 lakh.

- At the **2026** Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Raja Muthupandi took weightlifting silver and Praveen Chithravel triple jump silver (**Rs.30** lakh each), with Selva Prabhu taking triple jump bronze (**Rs.20 lakh**).

5.9 International Olympic Day Celebration

International Olympic Day, observed worldwide every year on 23rd June to commemorate the founding of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1894, was celebrated on 23rd June 2026 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai, where Olympians from the

- International Olympic Day falls on 23 June, marking the founding of the International Olympic Committee in 1894.

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State were honoured in recognition of their outstanding contributions to sports. On the occasion, sports infrastructure projects worth Rs.28.25 crore in 10 districts were inaugurated, and financial assistance amounting to Rs.13.00 lakh was distributed to 5 sportspersons, reaffirming the Government's commitment to strengthening sports infrastructure and supporting sporting excellence.

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Chapter - 6

Awards, Incentives, Scholarships, Pension and Other Welfare Schemes

The Government of Tamil Nadu is committed to the welfare and advancement of sportspersons by providing awards, incentives, scholarships, pension and other assistance. These measures are intended to encourage sportspersons to pursue excellence in sports while ensuring their educational, financial, and welfare needs.

6.1 Recognition to SDAT

The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) has received recognition for hosting National and International sporting events, developing sports infrastructure, and implementing initiatives to promote sports and sportspersons in the State.

Tamil Nadu has received the following awards:

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- Best State Promoting Sports Development – CII Sports Business Awards
- Best State Promoting Sports – FICCI Turf Award
- Best State for Promotion of Sports – Sportstar Aces Award
- GEM Best State Contribution to Indian e-Sports Industry – Tamil Nadu

6.2 Awards

6.2.1 Chief Minister's State Sports Awards

The Chief Minister’s state sports awards are presented to recognise outstanding achievements and distinguished contributions in the field of sports.

The Award is presented every year to

- Two outstanding male sportspersons
- Two outstanding female sportspersons
- Two outstanding coaches
- Two outstanding Physical Directors / Physical Education Teachers.

- The Chief Minister's State Sports Awards go each year to two male and two female sportspersons, two coaches and two physical directors - **Rs.1.00 lakh**, a gold medal and a citation each - plus a donor, an organiser and a referee.

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Each awardee under the above categories is presented with a cash prize of Rs.1.00 lakh, a Gold Medal worth Rs.10,000/- and a certificate of appreciation.

In addition, one outstanding sports donor, one outstanding sports organiser and one outstanding referee/judge are selected for the Award. Awardees under these categories are presented with a medal worth Rs.10,000/- and a certificate of appreciation in recognition of their contribution to sports.

6.2.2. Republic Day Tableau 2026

During the Republic day celebrations held on 26th January 2026, tableaux of various Government Departments participated in the parade held at Marina beach, Chennai. The tableau of the youth welfare and sports development department showcased the achievements and initiatives and received public appreciation.

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6.3 High Cash Incentives (HCI)

High cash incentives are awarded to eligible sportspersons belonging to Tamil Nadu who win medals in National and International competitions, in accordance with the approved norms.

Part-1

Sports disciplines covered in Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games (As per last edition of Games held) for Multi-disciplinary Sports Competitions like Youth Olympics, Asian Youth Olympics etc.,

Sl. No.	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in Lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1.	Olympic Games (Once in 4 years) (Summer / Winter)	300.00	200.00	100.00
2.	Asian Games (Once in 4 years)	50.00	30.00	20.00
3.	Commonwealth Games (Once in 4 years)	50.00	30.00	20.00
4.	Youth Olympic Games (Summer/Winter) (Once in 4 years)	25.00	15.00	10.00

- High cash incentives for an Olympic medal: **Rs.300 lakh** gold, **Rs.200** lakh silver, **Rs.100 lakh** bronze. Asian and Commonwealth Games pay **Rs.50,** 30 and **20 lakh**.

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Sl. No.	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in Lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
5.	Asian Youth Games (Once in 4 years)	15.00	10.00	5.00
6.	World Championships (Once in 4 years)	100.00	60.00	40.00
7.	World Championships (Once in 2 years)	75.00	50.00	30.00
8.	World Championships (held annually)	50.00	30.00	20.00
		Subject to the condition that only a single event of its type in the whole year		
9.	International Federation recognised competitions held in the name of some other nomenclature	Tournaments for each Level will have to be notified		
	One Level below World Championship	30.00	20.00	10.00
	Two Levels below World Championship	20.00	15.00	7.50
	Three Levels below World Championship	15.00	10.00	5.00
10.	Asian Championships / Commonwealth Championships (Once in 4 years)	25.00	15.00	10.00
11.	Asian Championships / Commonwealth Championships (Once in 2 years)	15.00	10.00	5.00

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Sl. No.	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in Lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
12.	Asian Championships / Commonwealth Championships (held annually) with not less than 10 countries participating	10.00	6.00	4.00
13.	Asian Beach Games (Once in 4 years)	5.00	3.00	2.00
14.	SAF Games (Once in 4 years)	5.00	3.00	2.00
15.	National Games (Once in 2 years)	5.00	3.00	2.00
16.	SAF Championship / Senior National Championships (held annually)	5.00	3.00	2.00
17.	World Age Group Championship / World Cup (depending upon the sports discipline, the duration may vary)	6.00	4.00	3.00
		This should be for the highest competition at the World Level in the year for junior, sub-junior and age categories younger to seniors		
18.	Asian Age Group Championships (held annually)	5.00	3.00	2.00
		This should be for the highest competition at the Asian Level in the year for junior, sub-junior and age categories younger than seniors		

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Sl. No.	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in Lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
19.	National Age Group Championship (held annually)	3.00	2.00	1.50
		This should be for the highest competition at the National Level in the year for junior, sub-junior and age categories younger to seniors.		

Part-2

School Games and University Games

Sl. No.	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in Lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1.	Universities / World University Championships organised by Federation Internationale du Sport Universitaire (held annually)	6.00	4.00	3.00
2.	All India Inter University (held annually)	3.00	2.00	1.50
3.	World Schools Championships (held annually)	5.00	3.00	2.00
4.	Asian School Games / Championships (held annually)	4.00	2.50	1.50

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Sl. No.	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in Lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
5.	National School Games Championships organised by SGFI / Khelo India Youth Games (held annually)	2.00	1.50	1.00

Part- 3 (A)

Sports disciplines other than Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games – Chess and Powerlifting

Sl. No.	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in Lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1.	World Cup / World Championship (once in 2 years or in a higher period)	50.00	30.00	20.00
2.	World Cup / World Championship (held annually)	20.00	15.00	10.00
3.	Asia Cup / Asian Championship / Commonwealth Cup/ Commonwealth	6.00	4.00	3.00

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Sl. No.	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in Lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
	Championship (depending upon sports discipline, the duration may vary)			
4.	Senior National Championship	5.00	3.00	2.00

Part- 3 (B)

Sports disciplines other than Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games – Carrom, Tennikoit and Body Building

Sl. No.	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1.	World Cup / World Championship (held annually or higher period)	20.00	15.00	10.00
1A	Asian Championship (held annually)	4.00	2.50	1.50
2.	Senior National Championship	2.00	1.50	1.00

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Part- 4

Sports for Differently Abled Sportspersons

High Cash Incentives are provided to eligible para-athletes from Tamil Nadu who win medals in International and National competitions, as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in Lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1.	Paralympics (Summer) (once in 4 years)	300.00	200.00	100.00
2.	Para Asian Games (once in 4 years)	50.00	30.00	20.00
3.	Commonwealth Games (Para Athletes) (once in 4 years)	50.00	30.00	20.00
4.	Asian Para Youth Games (once in 4 years)	15.00	10.00	5.00
5.	IPC World Cup / World Championship (once in 2 years)	75.00	50.00	30.00
6.	IPC World Cup / World Championship (held annually)	50.00	30.00	20.00

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Sl. No.	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in Lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
7.	IBSA World Games (Blind Sports) (once in 4 years)	25.00	15.00	10.00
8.	Deaflympics (Deaf Sports) (once in 4 years)	25.00	15.00	10.00
9.	Special Olympics (Summer / Winter) (intellectual disability) (once in 4 years)	15.00	10.00	5.00
10.	IDAF World Dwarf Games (once in 4 years)	5.00	3.00	2.00
11.	Blind Cricket World Cup (once in 4 years)	Winner 5.00 lakh		
		Runner 3.00 lakh		
12.	National Para Games / IWAS World Games (Once in 2 years) (Seniors Only)	5.00	3.00	2.00
13.	National Para Championship (Seniors Only)	5.00	3.00	2.00
14.	National Age Group competitions conducted by Federations recognised by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	3.00	2.00	1.50

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6.4 Special Scholarships

The Government is implementing the following scholarship schemes to provide financial assistance to deserving sportspersons for training, equipment, exposure and participation in competitions.

1. Special Scholarship for Elite Sportspersons (ELITE)
2. Mission International Medal Scheme (MIMS)
3. Champions Development Scheme (CDS)

6.4.1 Special Scholarship for Elite Sportspersons (ELITE)

The special scholarship for elite sportspersons Scheme is implemented to support outstanding sportspersons having the potential to excel at the Olympic and International levels. Under the Scheme, identified elite sportspersons are provided with financial assistance for coaching, equipment, international exposure, and other essential requirements. An annual

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scholarship of up to Rs.30 lakh per sportsperson is sanctioned under the Scheme. During the current year, assistance is being extended to 50 sportspersons, including 10 para sportspersons. The Government has provided an annual outlay of Rs.7.50 crore for the implementation of the Scheme.

- The **ELITE** scholarship gives up to **Rs.30 lakh** a year to 50 sportspersons including 10 para athletes, at an outlay of **Rs.7.50** crore.

6.4.2 Mission International Medal Scheme (MIMS)

The Mission International Medal Scheme has been instituted to identify and nurture talented sportspersons with the potential to win medals in international competitions. Under the Scheme, identified sportspersons are provided financial assistance towards training, equipment, overseas exposure and participation in international competitions. An annual scholarship of up to Rs.12 lakh per sportsperson is sanctioned under the Scheme. At present, 128 sportspersons, including 21 para sportspersons, are benefiting

- The Mission International Medal Scheme gives up to **Rs.12 lakh** a year to 128 sportspersons including 21 para athletes, at **Rs.9.00 crore**.

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under the Scheme. The Government has provided an annual outlay of Rs.9.00 crore for the implementation of the Scheme.

6.4.3 Champions Development Scheme (CDS)

The Champions Development Scheme has been instituted to identify and nurture young sportspersons with the potential to win medals in national-level competitions. The Scheme supports sportspersons below 25 years of age who have won gold medals in national-level age group competitions. An annual scholarship of up to Rs.4.00 lakh per sportsperson is sanctioned towards training, equipment, overseas exposure and participation in competitions. At present, 209 sportspersons, including 24 para sportspersons, are benefiting under the Scheme. The Government has provided an annual outlay of Rs.8.00 crore for the implementation of the Scheme.

- The Champions Development Scheme gives up to **Rs.4.00 lakh** a year to 209 sportspersons under 25 who have won national age-group gold, including 24 para athletes, at **Rs.8.00 crore**.

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6.5 Pension scheme for erstwhile Sportspersons who are in indigent circumstances

The Pension scheme for sportspersons in indigent circumstances was introduced in the year 1978. Under the Scheme, retired sportspersons who have attained the age of 58 years and are in indigent circumstances are provided with a monthly pension in recognition of their contribution to sports and to support their livelihood. The monthly pension is Rs.6,000/-. At present, 95 indigent sportspersons and 16 family pensioners are benefiting under the Scheme.

- The pension for sportspersons in indigent circumstances dates from **1978** - **Rs.6,000** a month from age 58, now paid to 95 sportspersons and 16 family pensioners.

6.6 Sportspersons Welfare Fund

The sportspersons welfare fund provides financial assistance to sportspersons who sustain injuries while participating in competitions. Assistance is also extended for their treatment, rehabilitation and recovery. The maximum

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financial assistance available under the Fund has been enhanced from Rs.20.00 lakh to Rs.50.00 lakh to enable eligible sportspersons to meet unforeseen medical expenditure, subject to the prescribed conditions.

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Chapter – 7

Employment and Higher Education

The Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing various welfare measures to support meritorious sportspersons in their educational and professional advancement. These measures include employment opportunities under the sports quota in Government departments and Public sector undertakings, reservation in uniformed services and allocation of seats in professional courses.

7.1 Employment Opportunities for Meritorious Sportspersons in Government Departments / Public-Sector Undertakings

The Government of Tamil Nadu has been implementing various initiatives and schemes for the development of sports in the State. As part of its efforts to recognise and encourage sporting talent, the Government provides employment

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under the Sports Quota to medal winners at the International, National, and State levels. As per the guidelines issued by the Government order dated 20.02.2019, meritorious sportspersons who have secured medals / participated in International competitions and National level competitions conducted by National Sports Federations recognised by the Government of India and secured medals in State Championships conducted by State Sports Associations recognised by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu are being selected and recommended for employment under 3% Sports Quota in Government Department / Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs). So far, appointment orders have been issued to a record 305 meritorious sportspersons, including 72 para sportspersons under the 3% sports quota in various government departments and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs).

- The sports quota guidelines of **20.02.2019** govern selection for the 3% quota, covering international and national medallists and State champions from recognised associations.

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7.2 Reservation in Uniformed Services

The Government has provided a 10% reservation for sportspersons in the recruitment processes of the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board for the post of Grade II Police constables, Grade II jail warders, firemen and Sub-Inspectors of police. In G.O. (Ms.) No. 116, Home (Police-III) Department, dated 07.03.2025, orders have been issued to earmark 3% reservation for eminent sportspersons of the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu within the overall 10% reservation for sportspersons in the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board (TNUSRB).

- Sportspersons also have 10% reservation in uniformed services recruitment.

7.3 Admission in professional Colleges under Sports Quota

In recognition of the achievements of young sportspersons, allocation of seats under the sports

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quota has been made in professional colleges, as indicated below:

Sl. No.	Category / Institution	No. of Seats
1	Tamil Nadu Government Engineering Colleges under the control of Anna University (University Departments – 4 Colleges)	11
2	Tamil Nadu Govt Engineering Colleges under the control of Anna University (Constituent Colleges and Regional Campuses)	16
3	Government and Aided Colleges	14
4	Annamalai University	1
5	Self-Financing Colleges (one seat per college)	452
6	Tamil Nadu Govt Medical Colleges - Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBBS)	13
7	Tamil Nadu Govt Dental Colleges - Bachelor's in Dental Medicine (BDS)	2
8	Tamil Nadu Veterinary & Animal Science - B.V.Sc (3 Men + 2 Women) & B.Tech – 3	8
9	Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai - Bachelor of Law - 3 Years	10
10	Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai - Bachelor of Law - 5 Years	11

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Sl. No.	Category / Institution	No. of Seats
11	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University – 14 Courses	20
12	Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University (B.F.Sc. - 3 & B.E. - 1)	4
	TOTAL	**562**

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Chapter – 8

Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University

Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University (TNPESU), established in 2005 by an act of the Government of Tamil Nadu, stands as India's first exclusive university dedicated to physical education, sports, and allied sciences. As India’s first exclusive university dedicated to these fields, TNPESU plays a pivotal role in advancing research, coaching methodologies, and athletic training. TNPESU fosters innovation in sports education, preparing students to excel both academically and professionally.

Motto:

The Motto of this University is “Excellence in Physical Education and Sports”.

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Vision:

The vision of this university is "To engage in relentless pursuit of excellence in the promotion and development of physical education and sports through innovative programs in teaching, coaching and research and outreach activities and evolve a holistic approach to the betterment of human resources through a harmonious blend of body, mind and spirit".

Mission:

i. The mission of this university is to create an ideal academic environment for learning, scholarship, professionalism, and collaboration that fosters excellence in active student learning and professional growth.

ii. To design and introduce innovative, integrated, inter-disciplinary curriculum

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in physical education and various sports and games and allied areas and provide leadership to the profession.

iii. To offer undergraduate, post-graduate and research programs in physical education, sports, and its allied fields.

iv. To produce competent health-conscious physical education teachers at various levels, who will be fully equipped to impart instruction in physical education and undertake physical activity programs for children and youth.

v. To develop high-tech research facilities and contribute to the body of knowledge through scholarly work and publications, and disseminate the findings to the professionals, faculty and students.

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vi. To facilitate the application of research to refine and sharpen the coaching and training techniques in physical education and sports.

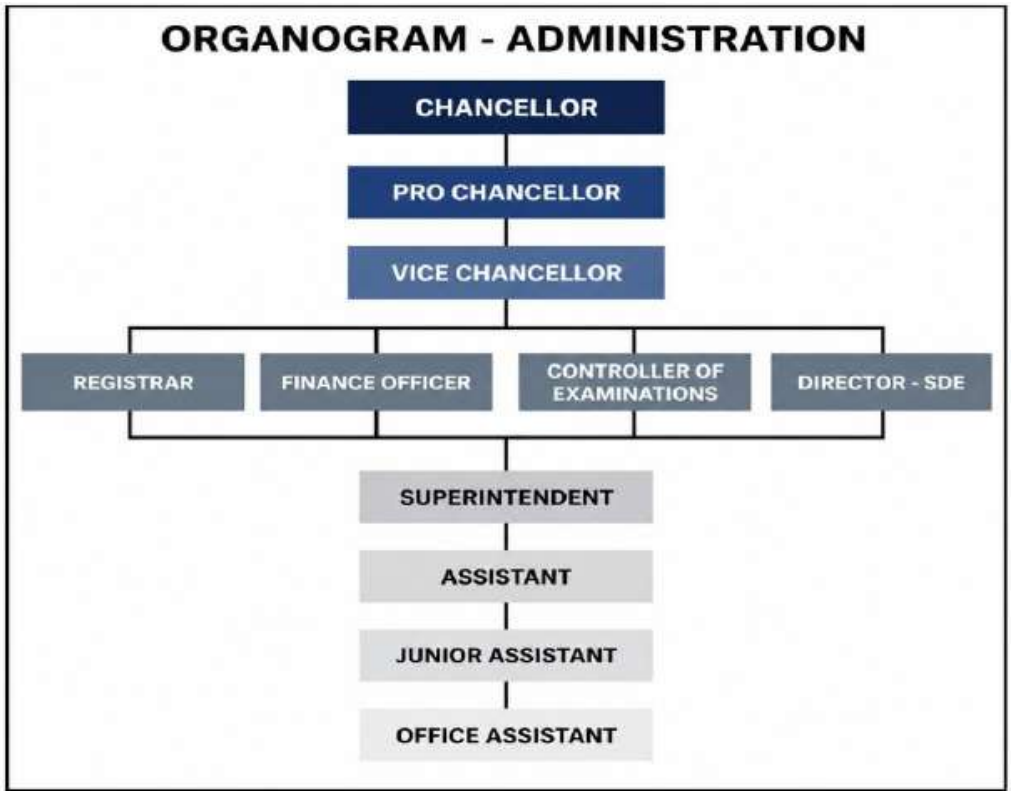
vii. To collaborate and closely coordinate with the state and national bodies in physical education and sports, in matters of common interest and concern.

viii. To actively design programmes for the promotion and development of fitness and health concepts among the students, faculty and the community around so as to mould them into physically fit and emotionally mature citizens.

8.1 Organizational Structure:

The organizational structure of the university is as follows:

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Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University has three faculties viz.

- Faculty of physical education
- Faculty of yoga and allied health science,
- Faculty of technology and management.

Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University has five departments, namely: -

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I. Department of physical education,
II. Department of yoga,
III. Department of exercise physiology and biomechanics,
IV. Department of sports Management, sports psychology & sociology
V. Department of advanced sports training and technology.

8.2 Students Intake in University:

Total number of students studying in the University in Undergraduate (UG), Postgraduate (PG) and Research (Ph.D.) are detailed below:-

Students	U.G	P.G	Ph.D	Total
Male	472	169	22	663
Female	339	74	14	427
Total	811	243	36	1090

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8.3 Affiliated Colleges:

A total number of 25 colleges are affiliated to Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University out of which, 5 colleges are functioning exclusively for yoga and the rest of the Colleges are offering physical education and sports relevant programs. Among these, two are of autonomous status, one is aided by the Government, and the rest of the colleges are self-financing. The list of affiliated colleges are listed below:

List of Affiliated Colleges	
College Name	
Sl.No	**Physical Education College**
1.	YMCA College of Physical Education (Autonomous), Chennai
2.	Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya Maruthi College of Physical Education (Autonomous), Coimbatore

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3.	Dr. Sivanthi Aditanar College of Physical Education, Tiruchendur
4.	Sri Sarada College of Physical Education, Salem
5.	Selvam College of Physical Education, Namakkal
6.	Meenatchi Physical Education, Ariyalur
7.	Koviloor Andavar College of Physical Education and Sports Science, Koviloor
8.	Christian College of Physical Education, Nagercoil
9.	St. John's College of Physical Education, Tirunelveli
10.	Sri Renugambal College of Physical Education, Polur
11.	Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan College of Physical Education, Perambalur
12.	Mother Teresa College of Physical Education, Illupur
13.	K.R. College of Physical Education, Vedasundar

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14.	Cheran College of Physical Education, Karur
15.	Sree Bhavani College of Physical Education, Cuddalore
16.	Jenney's College of Physical Education, Tiruchirapalli
17.	G.S. College of Physical Education, Kangayam
18.	Pasumpon Muthuramalingam Thevar College of Physical Education, Usilampatti
19.	MASS College of Physical Education, Viluppuram
List of Yoga Colleges	
20.	Selvam College of Yoga and Research Centre, Kaniyakumari
21.	PGP College of Physical Education and Sports Science - Yoga and Research Centre, Namakkal
22.	Vethathiri Maharishi College of Yoga, Chennai
23.	Shri Paranjothi College of Yoga, Udumalpet

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24.	Mcgan's Academy of Yoga and Sports, Ooty
25.	SKT College of Yoga and B.Sc Sports Coaching, Nagapattinam

The departments of the university and the affiliated colleges are offering undergraduate, post graduate and research programmes viz. B.P.E.S., B.P.Ed., M.P.Ed., B.Sc., M.Sc., M.Tech, M.B.A(Sports management) and doctoral programmes. The programmes of Discipline Specific Electives (DSE) and Generic Electives (GE) are also offered on the basis of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS).

8.4 Students Intake in Affiliated Colleges:

Total number of students studying in the affiliated colleges in Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) are detailed below:

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Students	U.G	P.G	Total
Male	3142	512	3654
Female	1082	357	1439
Total	4224	869	5093

8.5 Village Placement Programme

The Village Placement Programme is a compulsory part of all regular courses, aimed at enhancing students' academic and social learning.

During the five-day residential programme, students stayed in villages and engaged in community outreach activities, including health awareness camps and hygiene and sanitation education for villagers. On successful completion, students are awarded academic credits for their participation and contributions.

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8.6 University Library and e-Library:

The University central library occupies an indispensable place in the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, which enhances teaching, research, and development activities. The library building is divided internally into several sections, namely circulation, technical processing, reading hall, periodical, stack and thesis sections.

The library has a reference section, which holds encyclopedias, handbooks, dictionaries, conference reports, abstracts of dissertations and rulebooks published by various sports associations.

Sl. No.	Resources	Total Numbers
1	No. of Titles	5825
	No. of Volumes	7964
	Text Books	7127
	Reference Books	837
2	Thesis	3639

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3	Non-Book Materials CD-ROMs Video-Cassette	 118 1
4	Encyclopedia	26 sets

The e-library consists of 607 e-books and 29 e-journals. A database for Social Sciences (SPSS) software is also available for use in education, market research, health care and data analysis.

8.7 Research and Development

The university has proposed to grant seed money to the faculty members for carrying out need based researches in the university campus and also to grant financial assistance to the faculty members for their development by attending workshops and conferences on a rotation basis. 43 scholars have completed their Ph.D programme successfully during the Academic year 2025-2026.

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8.8 Existing State-Of-The-Art Sports Infrastructure at TNPESU

TNPESU is committed to fostering excellence in sports by providing world-class infrastructure that serves as a hub for training and development in various disciplines. The university's cutting-edge facilities not only train aspiring athletes but also act as a centre of excellence, promoting traditional and modern sports.

8.8.1 Traditional Kalaripayattu and Silambam Training Centre

To preserve and promote the rich heritage of traditional Indian martial arts, a state-of-the-art training centre for kalaripayattu and silambam has been constructed at a cost of Rs.1.60 crore. This facility ensures that students receive professional training in these ancient combat techniques, keeping the tradition alive while enhancing physical fitness and self-defence skills.

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8.8.2 High-Performance Badminton Academy

The high-performance badminton academy, established at a cost of Rs. 13.33 crore stands as a premier facility designed to host national and international tournaments. Featuring 12 world-class PVC synthetic flooring, this academy is a significant step toward elevating badminton training and competition standards in the region.

8.8.3 Table Tennis Academy

The table tennis academy, constructed at a cost of Rs.12.60 crore, which provides world-class training and competition facilities for aspiring table tennis athletes. Equipped with 15 international-standard tables that meet global tournament specifications, the academy ensures an ideal environment for skill development and high-performance training. It offers comprehensive facilities to support elite training

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and competitions, including player accommodation, locker rooms, a VIP lounge, a conference hall, a power room, and a storage room.

8.8.4 Centre of Excellence in Biomechanics Laboratory

With a focus on integrating sports science with performance optimisation, the centre of excellence in biomechanics laboratory has been developed at a cost of Rs. 13.12 crore. This cutting-edge research and training facility is equipped with a 3D motion capture system, which enables precise analysis of athlete movements to refine techniques and reduce injury risk. The Force-Plate technology measures strength and stability, providing valuable data for performance enhancement. Electromyography (EMG) is utilised for muscle activity assessment, allowing targeted training interventions. An anthropometer is used to analyse body proportions, ensuring sports-

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specific training programs, while the Isokinetic dynamometer evaluates and enhances muscle strength. This advanced laboratory plays a crucial role in scientific research on sports, injury prevention, and athlete development.

8.8.5 Indoor Gymnastics Stadium

An indoor gymnastics stadium, built at a cost of Rs. 5.10 crore, supports the development of gymnastics, boxing and indoor volleyball. This multi-purpose facility is designed to host both training sessions and competitions, offering athletes a professional environment in which to refine their skills.

8.8.6 Sports Centre for Differently Abled Athletes

The sports centre for differently abled, established at a cost of Rs. 4.70 crore, is dedicated to training para–athletics and serving as a rehabilitation centre. This facility ensures

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that differently abled athletes receive specialised training and support to excel in their respective sports.

8.8.7 Synthetic Athletic Track

An 8-lane synthetic athletic track was constructed at a cost of Rs. 7.00 crore. This track provides essential training facilities for athletes on a high quality synthetic surface, enabling the university to host Association of Indian Universities (AIU) tournaments and national championships.

8.8.8 Swimming Pool

An olympic-size swimming pool was established at a cost of Rs. 5.00 crore. This facility provides students and athletes with a world-class venue for swimming training competitions, further enhancing the university's

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sports infrastructure and serving as a venue for regional and national aquatic competitions.

8.8.9 Modern Gym Centre at TNPESU

In a remarkable move to enhance sports and fitness infrastructure, the Tamil Nadu government has sanctioned a Rs.1 crore grant to Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University for the establishment of a modern gymnasium. This state-of-the-art facility is set to revolutionise fitness training by equipping students, athletes, and fitness enthusiasts with world-class amenities, advanced exercise equipment, and expert guidance.

8.8.10 Installation of CCTV in the TNPESU Campus:

The Government of Tamil Nadu has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 2 Crores towards the installation of CCTV cameras on the university

campus. The installation of the CCTV facilities is currently in progress.

8.9 University Health Centre:

The university has established a health centre on its campus to cater to the needs of the campus community, where an automated blood count analyser, physiotherapy equipment, and other health-check instruments are available. The centre is staffed by a full-time doctor, a staff nurse, and other paramedical staff. As regards medicines for basic ailments, the Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation supplies them free of cost.

8.10 Sports Achievements of Students

A Student from the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University has won a bronze medal in the swimming competition at the Khelo India University Games. Furthermore, in the

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2025–2026 All India Inter-University competitions, students of the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University have won a total of 3 gold medals, 8 silver medals, and 11 bronze medals.

8.11 Memorandum of Understanding Signed by TNPESU with Other Institutions:

Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University (TNPESU) actively fosters research and academic collaboration through strategic Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with renowned institutions. Notable partnerships with TNPESU include:-

- Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT)
- Vel Tech University
- AMET University

These collaborations emphasise advanced research, performance enhancement, and injury prevention, positioning TNPESU as a leader in

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sports education, coaching, and research. Beyond these core partnerships, TNPESU has signed multiple MoUs and partnerships with medical and sports-related organisations, including the Tamil Nadu Paralympic Sports Association, the Tamil Nadu Yoga Sasanas Sports Association, the Tamil Nadu Women Yoga Association, and Bhaarath Medical College, thereby facilitating interdisciplinary research and training. The university has also collaborated with organisations like Rotary clubs and Tamil Nadu State Amateur Kickboxing Association to broaden student engagement in community-driven initiatives. With MoUs ranging in duration from two to ten years, these collaborations ensure sustained academic growth and innovation, reinforcing TNPESU's commitment to excellence in sports education and research.

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Chapter – 9

Directorate of Youth Welfare

The Directorate of Youth Welfare was established in 2013 to identify and develop the talents and abilities of young people. It is headed by the Member Secretary of SDAT, who serves as the Ex-officio Director. The Directorate guides youth toward positive activities, promotes healthy lifestyles, encourages discipline and develops important skills. The Directorate of Youth Welfare plays a vital role in coordinating the activities of the National Cadet Corps (NCC), National Service Scheme (NSS), and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), ensuring the effective implementation of youth development programmes across Tamil Nadu through inter-departmental coordination and institutional support.

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9.1 Adventure Sports in Tamil Nadu

Adventure sports provide opportunities for young persons to develop courage, teamwork, leadership, quick decision-making ability and self-confidence. Tamil Nadu has considerable potential for the promotion of adventure sports due to its long coastline, hill stations, forests and varied geographical features. The Nilgiris, Kodaikanal, Kolli Hills and Yercaud are important destinations for trekking and other outdoor activities.

Yelagiri and Hogenakkal are suitable locations for activities such as rock climbing and rappelling. In recent years, youth have been increasingly participating in mountaineering expeditions, including attempts to scale Mount Everest. The Government is taking steps to promote safe adventure sports through regulations, safety guidelines, training programs, and the use of appropriate safety equipment.

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Tamil Nadu's natural resources and diverse terrain provide significant opportunities to develop adventure sports as an important component of youth development and tourism promotion.

9.2 Mountaineering

Interest in mountaineering and high-altitude trekking is increasing among the youth of Tamil Nadu. The hills and mountains of the state provide suitable opportunities for trekking, and other outdoor activities that promote physical fitness, self-confidence, discipline, and environmental awareness. The Government conducts mountaineering and high-altitude trekking training programmes through reputed institutions to prepare interested youth for challenging expeditions, including Mount Everest. The Government has also launched the "Trek Tamil Nadu" initiative by identifying 23 trekking destinations in 12 districts. The initiative aims to

- Trek Tamil Nadu identifies 23 trekking destinations across 12 districts; the Nilgiris, Kodaikanal, Kolli Hills and Yercaud for trekking, Yelagiri and Hogenakkal for rock climbing and rappelling.

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promote adventure, discipline, physical fitness and environmental awareness among youth.

To encourage youth involved in mountaineering, the Government has announced an incentive of Rs. 10.00 lakh each for a male and a female mountaineer from Tamil Nadu who successfully scale Mount Everest.

9.3 Chief Minister's State Youth Award

The Chief Minister's State Youth Award is presented to recognise outstanding services rendered by youth towards social progress and community development. The award is conferred every year on the occasion of Independence Day upon three men and three women in the age group of 15 to 35 years for their exemplary social service and contribution to society. Each awardee is presented with a cash prize of Rs.1.00 lakh, a certificate of appreciation and a medal.

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9.4 Anti-Drug Run 2026 - "Start Run Stop Drugs"

The Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department organised the Anti-Drug Run 2026 under the theme “Start Run Stop Drugs” on 26th June 2026 in Chennai. The event aimed to create awareness among the public about the harmful effects of drug abuse and promote the importance of building a healthy and drug-free society.

The 6 km awareness run commenced from Anna Square and concluded at Island Grounds. The Hon’ble Chief Minister flagged off the event and himself ran for 3 kms in the run, reaffirming the Government’s commitment towards creating a drug-free Tamil Nadu. More than 15,000 people took part in the programme, including around 1,500 NSS volunteers and NCC cadets. The active participation of youth strengthened the anti-drug

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awareness campaign and motivated the public and youth, to adopt a healthy and drug-free lifestyle.

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Chapter – 10

National Cadet Corps

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) is the premier youth organisation of India and serves as the youth wing of the Indian Armed Forces, with its headquarters located in New Delhi. The National Cadet Corps was established by an act of Parliament in the year 1948. Functioning as a Tri-Service organisation comprising the Army, Navy and Air Force, the NCC offers voluntary enrolment to students of schools and colleges across the country. NCC Cadets are imparted basic military training, including drill and weapon handling, with the objective of fostering discipline, leadership, character and a spirit of national service, without any obligation for active military service upon completion.

The details of the current enrolment strength of Tamilnadu NCC cadets, along with the number

- The National Cadet Corps was established by an Act of Parliament in **1948** as the youth wing of the armed forces - a tri-service organisation with headquarters at New Delhi.

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of affiliated schools and colleges, are furnished below:-

Sl. No.	Particulars	Numbers
1	Total NCC Cadets in Tamil Nadu	96,734
2	Total Girl Cadets	31,243
3	Total Boy Cadets	65,491
4	Percentage of Girl Cadets	32.30%
5	NCC Group Headquarters	5
6	NCC Army Units	42
7	NCC Air Units	4
8	NCC Naval Units	5
9	NCC Training Academy at Idayapatti, Madurai	1
10	NCC Permanent Camp Site at Neerpeyar, Maduranthagam Taluk	1
11	Number of Colleges having NCC	551
12	Number of Schools having NCC	975

- Tamil Nadu has 96,734 **NCC** cadets - 31,243 girls, 32.30% - across 551 colleges and 975 schools, with 5 group headquarters, 42 army, 4 air and 5 naval units.

- The State's **NCC** Training Academy is at Idayapatti, Madurai, with a permanent camp site at Neerpeyar in Maduranthagam taluk.

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Motto of the NCC

The motto of the National Cadet Corps is "Unity and Discipline." Cadets from diverse backgrounds are trained to work cohesively within a structured, rule-based environment, fostering teamwork, harmony and national integration.

The **NCC** motto is 'Unity and Discipline'; its charter sets three aims - character building and leadership, human resource development, and motivation for a career in the armed forces.

Aims of NCC

The NCC Charter outlines three principal aims:

(a) Character Building and Leadership Development

To develop character, comradeship, discipline, leadership, a secular outlook, a spirit of adventure, and the ideals of selfless service among the youth.

(b) Human Resource Development

To create an organised, trained and motivated youth force capable of providing

leadership in all walks of life and remaining ever ready to serve the nation.

(c) Motivation for a Career in the Armed Forces

To provide an enabling environment that inspires and encourages young people to pursue careers in the Armed Forces.

Women Empowerment

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) plays a pivotal role in promoting women's empowerment through targeted training, equal leadership opportunities and community outreach initiatives. With girl cadets constituting over 40 per cent of its enrolment, the NCC continues to break traditional barriers by ensuring equal access to military training, leadership roles, specialised camps, self-defence programmes and awareness campaigns on gender equality, women's rights and educational advancement. These efforts are implemented through a range of structured

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initiatives and developmental programmes, organised under the following key pillars:

(a) Leadership and Military Training

All-Women Battalions: The NCC maintains dedicated women-only battalions, providing a supportive and enabling environment in which female cadets are encouraged to assume command responsibilities and leadership roles.

Equal Opportunity: Female cadets undergo the same rigorous training regimen as their male counterparts, including weapon training, obstacle courses and adventure activities such as mountaineering and paragliding, ensuring parity in standards, exposure and opportunity.

(b) Community Outreach and Social Awareness

Social Service and Community Development (SSCD): Local NCC units regularly conduct community outreach and awareness

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programmes focused on women's rights, gender equality, prevention of social evils such as dowry, and the promotion of women's health and hygiene. These initiatives foster social responsibility and civic consciousness among cadets while contributing to inclusive community development.

10.1 Organisation

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) at the national level is headed by a Director General of the rank of Lieutenant General, with its headquarters located in New Delhi. The organisation is structured into seventeen Directorates, each representing a group of States and Union Territories. The NCC Directorate for Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands (TN, P & AN) is headed by a Deputy Director General of the rank of Commodore. In Tamil Nadu, there are five NCC Group Headquarters, with two located in Chennai,

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namely Group Headquarters Chennai 'A' and Chennai 'B', and one each at Coimbatore, Madurai and Tiruchirappalli.

These Group Headquarters are commanded by officers of the rank of Colonel, while the 51 NCC units under their jurisdiction are led by officers of the rank of Colonel or Lieutenant Colonel.

10.2 Enrolment of NCC Cadets in Schools and Colleges

Enrolment in the National Cadet Corps (NCC) is entirely voluntary and open to Indian citizens. Students are required to apply at the commencement of the academic year through the Associate NCC Officer (ANO) of their respective school or college. Selection is based on merit and is determined through prescribed physical and written tests.

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10.2.1 Eligibility
Junior Division / Junior Wing (JD/JW):

Open to school students of Classes VIII to X. The age limit is typically between 12 and 18½ years.

Senior Division / Senior Wing (SD/SW):

Open to college students (first to third year of undergraduate studies) as well as senior secondary school students (Classes XI and XII). The upper age limit is up to 26 years.

10.3 Human Resource Administration

a) Associate NCC Officers (ANOs)

Associate NCC Officers play a pivotal role within the NCC, acting as a vital link between educational institutions and the organisation. Medically fit volunteer teachers with permanent appointments in schools and colleges, and below the age of 48 years, are eligible for selection as

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ANOs. The selection process involves an interview conducted by the Head of Department.

Associate NCC Officers are responsible for training NCC cadets and administering NCC activities within their respective institutions. Prior to commissioning, selected teachers undergo a rigorous three-month military training programme. Male Associate NCC Officers are trained at the NCC Officers Training Academy, Kamptee, Maharashtra, while female Associate NCC Officers undergo training at the NCC Officers Training Academy, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

At present, there are 487 Senior Division/Senior Wing (SD/SW) Associate NCC Officers and 798 Junior Division/Junior Wing (JD/JW) Associate NCC Officers, who coordinate NCC activities across institutions under the supervision of the respective Commanding Officers of the units.

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b) NCC Caretakers

Where Associate NCC Officers are not available in schools or colleges, a temporary arrangement is made by appointing a teacher as NCC Caretaker to manage the administrative responsibilities of the NCC Troop/Company of the institution until, an Associate NCC Officers is formally appointed.

c) State Government Employees

The training of NCC cadets is conducted by officers and staff from the Army, Navy and Air Force, while the administrative functions are managed by officers and staff of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

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The sanctioned strength and the posts currently held are as follows:-

S. No.	Category/ Post	Sanctioned Strength
1	Deputy Director	1
2	Assistant Director	7
3	Superintendent	63
4	Assistant	226
5	Junior Assistant	113
6	Steno Typist	6
7	Aero Modelling Instructor cum Store Keeper	4
8	Ship Modelling Instructor cum Store Keeper	5
9	Record Assistant	1
10	Record Clerk	3
11	Driver	133
12	Store Attendant	393
13	Boat Lascar	1
14	Office Assistant	67
15	Chowkidar	41
16	Boat Keeper	10
17	Cleanliness worker	58
	Total	**1132**

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10.4 Training Academies and other Infrastructures

In order to develop skilled teams of NCC cadets for participation in national-level competitions, including the prestigious Prime Minister's Banner, the Government of Tamil Nadu has established permanent NCC training facilities equipped with requisite infrastructure, as detailed below

a) NCC Training Academy at Idayapatti, Madurai

The first NCC Training Academy in Tamil Nadu was established in 2017 at Idayapatti, Madurai, at a cost of Rs.15.88 crore, on an extent of 3.14.80 hectares (7.78 acres). The following facilities are available in the academy for the training of NCC cadets

a) Driving Simulator, Flight

b) Simulator and Weapon Simulator

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c) English Language Lab

d) Drill Square

e) Obstacle Course

f) RO Plant

g) Solar Power System

h) Artificial Rock Climbing

The academy functions as a full-fledged training institution with a capacity to accommodate 600 cadets. Equipped with comprehensive training facilities, the academy conducts approximately 25 camps annually, with around 11,250 cadets participating each year.

b) Permanent Camp Area at Neerpeyar, Chengalpattu

A permanent camp area has been established at Neerpeyar Village, Chengalpattu District, at a cost of Rs.7.83 Crore on an extent of 4.99 acres.

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The construction of the camp area has been completed and will be put to use.

This facility has a capacity to accommodate 500 cadets and includes an administrative block, five boys' dormitories, three girls' dormitories, a cook house, a firing wall and a vehicle shed.

c) 50 Meters Baffle Firing Range at TN Physical Education and Sports University, Melakottaiyur

A sum of Rs.1.1 Crore was sanctioned for the construction of a 50-metre baffle firing range at the premises of the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Melakottaiyur. At present, the construction of the range has been completed and will be opened for use.

d) Arms and Ammunition

Weapons and ammunition for drill and firing practice of NCC cadets are provided by the Government of India, thereby ensuring comprehensive and standardised training. The

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Government of India has supplied 1139 numbers of .22 Rifles and 3053 numbers of 7.62 Rifles.

Additionally, the Government of Tamil Nadu has supplemented this by providing 28 numbers of imported .22 Sporting Rifles and 30 numbers of .177 Peep Sight Air Rifles Model-Hammerli AR 20 Pro, which have been distributed to all NCC Group Headquarters for effective utilisation by cadets. This provision of arms ensures that cadets are adequately equipped for training, thereby enhancing their proficiency and operational readiness.

e) Ongoing Construction of Shooting Range (Phase-I) at NCC Training Academy, Sethurapatti, Tiruchirappalli District

The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 1 crore for the construction of a shooting range at the NCC Training Academy in Tiruchirappalli District, to meet the training needs of NCC cadets in the Tiruchirappalli region. The new site at Sethurapatti Village, Tiruchirappalli,

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has been identified, and construction is currently in progress.

f) Design and Development of Autonomous Fixed Wing and Rotary Wing UAVs: (Drone Training)

Ten autonomous fixed-wing and rotary-wing UAVs have been procured at a cost of Rs. 18.6 lakhs under the TANII scheme. Approximately 200 NCC cadets are trained on these UAVs annually.

g) Rowing Simulators

All five naval units in the state have been equipped with rowing simulators to facilitate the training of naval wing NCC cadets.

h) Flying Simulators

Flying simulators have been established at all four air wing units to provide structured training to air wing NCC cadets.

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10.5 Budget allocation

For the fiscal year 2026–2027, the Government has allocated Rs. 70,47,19,000/- towards the National Cadet Corps (NCC). This allocation reflects the Government's continued investment in strengthening NCC infrastructure, training facilities and activities, and reaffirms its commitment to fostering discipline and patriotism among the youth through the NCC.

10.6 Achievements

a) Republic Day Camp (RDC) - 2026

The Tamil Nadu Directorate has secured the following medals at the Republic Day Camp as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the event	Name of the Cadet/ No. of Cadets	Medal Won
1	Junior Division Army Wing Best Cadet	Cadet Harsh Ashok Bagda	Gold

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Sl. No.	Name of the event	Name of the Cadet/ No. of Cadets	Medal Won
2	Senior Wing Army Wing Best Cadet	Cadet Yamini Gurumani	Bronze
3	Senior Division Army Wing Best Cadet	Cadet A Sriram	Bronze
4	RDC Horse Riding	Cadet Nithish V	Silver
5	RDC Group Dance	20 Cadets	Silver
6	RDC Ballet Dance	Group Participants	All India Gold
7	RDC Guard of Honour	11 Cadets	Bronze
8	RDC Cultural Team	Group Participants	Bronze

b) All India Thal Sainik Camp 2025

At the All India Thal Sainik Camp, held in New Delhi, the cadets of the NCC Directorate have secured 1 Gold Medal and 1 Silver Medal.

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c) All India Nau Sainik Camp 2025

At the All India Nau Sainik Camp held at Lonavala, Pune in september 2025, the Naval Wing NCC cadets of Tamil Nadu Directorate won 5 Silver and 4 Bronze Medals in the ship modelling event.

d) All India Vayu Sainik Camp 2025.

At the All India Vayu Sainik Camp held at Jalahalli, Bengaluru, from 18th September 2025 to 29th September 2025, the cadets of the NCC Directorate, Chennai secured 3 Gold medals and 4 Silver medals in various events.

e) Inter Directorate State Shooting Championship

At the Inter Directorate State Shooting Championship held at Kolhapur, Maharashtra, from 5th august 2025 to 19th august 2025, Tamil

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Nadu NCC Cadets secured 5 Gold Medals, 1 Silver Medal, and 1 Bronze Medal.

f) All India G V Mavlankar Shooting Competitions 2025

In the 34th All India G V Mavlankar Shooting Competition held from 9th October 2025 to 15th October 2025, Tamil Nadu NCC cadets secured 2 Silver Medals and 1 Bronze Medal.

g) Youth Exchange Programme (YEP) – 2025

9 cadets of Tamil Nadu NCC Directorate were selected for the Youth Exchange Programme (YEP) 2025-26 and visited foreign countries including the United Kingdom, Vietnam, Nepal, Kyrgyzstan, and the Maldives.

h) 50th Tamil Nadu State Shooting Championship 2025

Tamil Nadu NCC Directorate participated in the shooting competition held at Erode from

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30th August 2025 to 5th September 2025. Tamil Nadu NCC cadets won 1 Gold, 3 Silver, and 5 Bronze medals in the events.

10.7 Induction of Cadets into Defence Forces

During the year 2025–26, a total of 18 cadets from the Tamil Nadu Directorate were commissioned as officers in the armed forces, while 68 cadets were enrolled in various other ranks, including under the Agnipath scheme. This achievement underscores the significant contribution of the National Cadet Corps in motivating and preparing young individuals for a career in the armed forces.

10.8 Role of NCC Cadets in Social Service Activities

One of the primary objectives of the National Cadet Corps is to empower young people and mould them into responsible, disciplined, and socially conscious citizens capable of contributing meaningfully to nation-building. In pursuit of this

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objective, NCC cadets actively participate in a wide range of community development and social service activities, making valuable contributions to the welfare and progress of society. During the year 2025–26, NCC cadets participated in numerous social service and community outreach initiatives across the state.

The major activities carried out during the year 2025-26 are listed below:

Sl. No.	Activity	No. of Cadets Participated
1.	Fit India Campaign	31,668
2.	Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign	950
3.	Greening Wastelands of India	495
4.	World River Day Celebration	200
5.	Cancer Awareness Rally	420

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6.	National Unity Day Celebration	308
7.	Swachh Bharat Day Celebration	2,512

10.9 Initiatives for NCC Cadets by the Tamil Nadu Government

The Government of Tamil Nadu has consistently been at the forefront in supporting and encouraging NCC cadets through various initiatives aimed at enhancing their skills, performance, and overall development. Some of the key initiatives are summarised below:-

a) Incentives

To motivate NCC cadets and enhance their performance at National-level camps, the annual incentive for NCC cadets has been significantly increased from Rs.13,47,250/- to Rs.28,00,000/- with effect from 2025. This will serve as a source of encouragement to the young cadets,

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recognising and reinforcing their hard work, dedication and achievements.

b) Scholarship

The Tamil Nadu Government provides substantial scholarship support to deserving NCC cadets. A total of Rs. 18 lakh is allocated annually to 200 senior division/wing cadets at Rs.5000/- per cadet and 400 Junior division/wing cadets at Rs.2000/- per cadet in a year. These scholarships aim to assist cadets in their educational pursuits and encourage continued excellence in their NCC activities.

c) Employment Benefits

The Tamil Nadu Government offers significant employment benefits to NCC certificate holders to enhance their career prospects. NCC 'A', 'B', and 'C' certificate holders receive bonus marks of ½, 1 and 2 respectively, in Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board

examinations. In oral tests for B.T. and P.G. Assistants recruitment, ½ mark out of 12 is allocated for candidates' NCC activities. This policy not only incentivizes participation in NCC but also provides tangible career advantages.

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Chapter - 11

National Service Scheme

The National Service Scheme (NSS) was launched on September 24th, 1969, marking the 100th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, and has since grown into a dedicated movement among students aimed at imparting values of social responsibility and community service in young people. Since its inception, the Scheme has encouraged young people to understand social issues and take part in nation-building activities.

In Tamil Nadu, the National Service Scheme has grown steadily over the years. It began with 3,000 student volunteers and now has 4,06,700 volunteers under 42 Universities and 3 Directorates. This growth reflects the continued support of the Government.

- The National Service Scheme was launched on 24 September **1969**, the centenary of Mahatma Gandhi's birth. 24 September is **NSS** Day.
- **NSS** in Tamil Nadu has grown from 3,000 volunteers to 4,06,700 across 42 universities and 3 directorates.

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11.1 Administration

The National Service Scheme is a permanent youth development programme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. In Tamil Nadu, the scheme is implemented with the support of Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department, Government of Tamil Nadu.

The Directorate of Collegiate Education coordinates the implementation of the scheme at the state level. The state NSS officer supervises its activities and provides the required guidance to the universities and directorates. The State NSS cell monitors the implementation of the scheme and ensures that the objectives of NSS are achieved across Tamil Nadu.

11.2 Objectives

The principal aim of the National Service Scheme is to empower the Youth by developing their personality through community service,

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fostering qualities like leadership, confidence, and a sense of responsibility. It also encourages students to promote national integration, solve real-world problems, and develop self-reliance and resourcefulness among volunteers towards nation building.

Motto

"NOT ME BUT YOU" is the motto of the National Service Scheme.

- The **NSS** motto is 'Not Me But You'. The scheme is a programme of the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, coordinated in the State by the Directorate of Collegiate Education.

11.3 NSS Day

Every Year, 24th September is celebrated as NSS Day to commemorate the foundation of the National Service Scheme in 1969. The day is observed through various activities, including awareness campaigns, community service drives, environmental programs, conducting rallies, donating blood, tree plantation and cultural events.

11.4 Enrolment of NSS Volunteers in schools

The National Service Scheme is implemented in schools across Tamil Nadu to encourage students to take part in community service from an early age. At present, 97,650 students are enrolled as NSS volunteers in schools. The scheme functions through 1,953 NSS units, with 50 volunteers in each unit.

11.5 Enrolment of NSS Volunteers in Colleges

The National Service Scheme (NSS) offers opportunity to the college students to engage in meaningful community service while continuing their academic studies. First- and second-year undergraduate students are eligible to enroll as NSS volunteers, with each college unit comprising 100 volunteers. Postgraduate students in universities are also encouraged to participate in the programme. In Tamil Nadu, the National Service Scheme operates through 42 universities

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and 3 directorates, promoting social responsibility and community engagement among students.

11.6 NSS Activities

The National Service Scheme helps students understand the needs of society through direct involvement in community service. It brings educational institutions and the community together and gives volunteers practical experience in serving society.

NSS activities enable volunteers to develop social awareness, leadership skills, teamwork, and a strong sense of responsibility. The programme also encourages students to identify and address local issues by actively participating in initiatives that contribute to the welfare and development of the community.

a) Regular Activities

NSS volunteers undertake regular community service throughout the academic year. These

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activities are carried out during weekends or after college hours in schools, colleges, adopted villages and urban slums. Each volunteer is required to complete 120 hours of service in an academic year and 240 hours during the two-year enrolment period.

b) Special Camping Programme

A seven-day special camping programme is organised during vacations in adopted villages or urban slums. The camps are conducted with the participation of the local community. During the camp, volunteers organise programmes on health, sanitation, environmental protection, women's empowerment, literacy and other community development activities. The camps also help volunteers understand the living conditions and needs of the people.

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c) Corpus Fund

A corpus fund of Rs.10/- is collected from every student admitted to the first year. Out of this amount, Rs.5/- is retained by the parent institution, Rs.3/- is remitted to the university or directorate, and Rs.2/- is remitted to the state NSS cell.

d) Details of the NSS activities for the year 2025-2026

Sl. No.	Name of NSS Activities	No. of Volunteers Participated
1.	Tree Plantation	16,56,628
2.	Blood Donation	53,059
3.	Health/Eye/Immunization/ Veterinary Camps	89,300
4.	International Day Against Drug Abuse	1,68,384
5.	International Yoga Day	2,15,337
6.	Swachhta Pakhwada /Poshan Abhiyan	54,783

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7.	Swachhta Hi Seva	38,312
8.	Viksit Bharat program	1,50,000
9.	Palm Sapling Plantation	67,324
10.	State Republic Day Parade 2026, Marina Chennai	158
11.	National Republic Day Parade 2026, New Delhi	14
12.	An Anti-Drug Run 2026	1500

e) The support extended by the Government of Tamil Nadu

Special camp activities of the NSS for the Year 2025-2026

The Government of Tamil Nadu has sanctioned Rs.1.00 crore towards the conduct of Special camp activities of the NSS for the year 2025-2026.

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Sl. No.	Name of the programme	Venue	No. of Beneficiaries
1.	State NSS Youth Festival	Vellore Institute of Technology , Chennai	245
2.	State Level Workshop on Youth against Digital Media Addiction	University of Madras, Chennai	175
3.	State Level Workshop on Youth for Social Justice	Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore	230
4.	State Level Workshop on Reviving Traditional Sports and Games	Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli	230
5.	State Level Workshop on Disaster Management and First Aid	Manonmaniam Sundaranar University , Tirunelveli	120
6.	National Integration Camp	Tamil University, Thanjavur	210
7.	State Level Adventure Camp-2025	Periyar University, Salem	140

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Sl. No.	Name of the programme	Venue	No. of Beneficiaries
8.	Workshop on Sensitisation Against Digital Media Addiction for NSS Programme Officers	University of Madras Periyar University, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Bharathidasan University, and Madurai Kamaraj University	2111

11.7 Major Initiatives in 2026

11.7.1 State Republic Day Parade

The state republic day parade was held at Marina, Chennai, on 26th January 2026. A total of 137 NSS volunteers, along with 20 programme officers/assistants and one instructor, participated in the parade. Their disciplined and dedicated participation exemplified the core values of the National Service Scheme and reflected the spirit of patriotism, service, and commitment among the youth.

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11.7.2 National Republic Day Parade

On 26th January 2026, a contingent comprising 14 NSS volunteers and one programme officer from Tamil Nadu participated in the National Republic Day Parade held in New Delhi.

11.7.3 National Youth Festival, New Delhi

The 29th National Youth Festival was held in New Delhi from 10th january 2026 to 12th january 2026. Tamil Nadu was represented by a contingent of 30 participants and one team leader in the cultural events, along with 45 volunteers and one team leader under the Viksit Bharat programme. The participants showcased the state's cultural heritage and actively contributed to the youth development initiatives conducted during the festival.

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11.8 Palm-seed Plantation Programme

To strengthen environmental conservation efforts, the Tamil Nadu State NSS Cell, in collaboration with the Bharathidasan University NSS cell, organised a Palm Seed Plantation Programme from June to September 2025. During the programme, nearly five lakh palm seeds were collected, of which approximately 1.5 lakh were planted by NSS volunteers across various parts of the State. The initiative contributed to promoting ecological sustainability and environmental awareness among volunteers and local communities.

11.9 State Level National Service Scheme Award:-

During 2025, the State National Service Scheme (NSS) awards were presented to a total of 42 persons, including best programme coordinators, programme officers, and volunteers,

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for the years 2018–19, 2019-20, 2021-22 and 2022-23.

11.10 National Level National Service Scheme Award:-

During 2025, Dr S. Jayakumari, NSS programme officer of vivekananda college, affiliated with manonmaniam sundaranar university, was conferred the National NSS award for the year 2022–23. The award was presented by the Hon'ble President of India at New Delhi, in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the National Service Scheme.

11.11 Inter State Youth Exchange Programme:-

The Inter-State Youth Exchange Programme was held at Kurukshetra, Haryana, from 23rd July to 25th July 2025. Tamil Nadu was represented by 25 NSS volunteers and one programme officer. The programme enabled participants from

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different states to learn about each other's culture, traditions and social practices. It also strengthened national integration and mutual understanding among the youth.

11.12 National Service Scheme Activities during the 2026 Legislative Assembly Elections:

The National Service Scheme extended its support during the 2026 legislative assembly elections by actively assisting the election commission. Around 2,000 NSS volunteers and 16 programme officers were deployed across 16 assembly constituencies in chennai, where they assisted elderly and differently abled voters at polling stations. As part of the SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) programme, NSS volunteers conducted voter awareness campaigns in all 38 districts in coordination with district administrations to promote electoral awareness and encourage greater voter participation. NSS

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volunteers also assisted Booth Level Officers (BLOs) under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) programme. They helped in the revision of electoral rolls, enrolment of new voters, correction of voter details and change of address in the electoral rolls.

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Chapter – 12

Mera Yuva Bharat

The youth, constituting a significant portion of Tamil Nadu's population, represent the most dynamic and vibrant segment of the State. They have been acknowledged as the State's most valuable human resource, and channelising their energy into productive activities is essential for harnessing their full potential. On 31st October, 2023, Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), the erstwhile Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, was established as an autonomous organisation under the Government of India to oversee the functioning of the District Kendras. MY Bharat mobilises youth at the grassroots level, emphasising principles of voluntary service, self-reliance and community collaboration. In Tamil Nadu, the organisation operates in 30 district units covering 38 districts with 15,100 affiliated youth clubs, boasting a robust network of

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approximately 3 Lakh volunteers aged between 15 to 29 years. MY BHARAT in the State functions under the State Director, with 4 Deputy Directors and 13 District Youth Officers.

12.1 Objectives

I. To form Youth Clubs in all the villages and to involve the youth in nation-building activities.

II. To develop their values and skills so that they may become responsible and productive citizens of India.

III. To act as a catalytic agent in delivering the benefits of Central and State Government schemes to the rural community in general and to the youth in particular.

IV. To inculcate in the rural youth the spirit of voluntarism and Co-Operation.

V. To utilise the network for development and promotion of programmes in priority sectors such as employment generation, literacy, family welfare, environmental conservation,

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national integration, gender equality and women's empowerment.

12.2 Vision

The vision of the organisation is to establish enduring frameworks that encourage good citizenship and empower youth leadership at the grassroots level. This involves forming student and non-student Youth Clubs and actively supporting their involvement in sports, cultural programs, and local development activities.

12.3 Youth Clubs

Mera Yuva Bharat (MY BHARAT) has created an extensive network of youth clubs in villages where District Kendras are established. These clubs are grassroots-level, voluntary organisations formed to mobilise youth for community development and nation-building efforts. MY BHARAT focuses on empowering young people by tapping into their potential through these

clubs, which are the cornerstone of its mission. There are 15,100 youth clubs with around 3 lakh members affiliated with MY Bharat.

12.4 Regular and Special Programs for 2025 – 2026

For the year 2025-2026, MY BHARAT has conducted various regular programs, namely: -

- District-level Youth Club development campaign
- Observance of days of national importance
- National Youth Day & Week
- Cleanliness campaign
- Intensive Volunteer Enrolment Program in MY Bharat Portal
- Service & Empowerment through Voluntary Action (SEVA).

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Other initiatives include experiential learning programmes, Prime Minister Internship Scheme Camp, Know Your Constitution - Civic awareness program, Local theme-based workshops, Training in youth leadership and community development, career guidance workshops, skill-based entrepreneurship program, providing sports materials to youth clubs, Block level sports meet and District level sports meet.

In addition to the regular programs, MY BHARAT has introduced several special programs for the year 2025-2026 as follows:

12.4.1 Tribal Youth Exchange Programme

The 17th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme aimed to offer tribal youth the opportunity to visit various locations across the country, enabling them to understand diverse cultural values,

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languages, and lifestyles. This event took place at Government Youth Hostel, Adyar, Chennai, from 23rd november 2025 to 29th november 2025 and welcomed 200 participants from seven states in Odisha, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. The program encompassed training sessions, recreational activities and industrial visits. The then, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu interacted with the participants of the Tribal Youth Exchange Programme.

12.4.2 Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament

MY BHARAT is regularly organising district-level youth parliament to educate youth on the functioning of democracy. Youth discuss issues of environmental protection, women empowerment, importance of physical fitness, etc., in this forum.

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12.4.3 Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue

Various competitions have been organised in 38 districts of Tamil Nadu in a grand manner during the month of November 2025. Winners participated in the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue in January 2026.

12.5 Youth Hostels

Youth Hostels provide affordable lodging for young travellers engaged in educational trips, adventure tours or cultural pursuits. The State Government provides land for construction, while the Central Government funds construction and maintenance. Currently, five hostels in Chennai, Madurai, Thanjavur, Ooty and Tiruchirappalli offer budget-friendly accommodation, enhancing the travel experience of young adventurers.

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12.6 Drive Against Drugs

A year-long campaign for Nasha Mukt Bharat (Drug Free India) is undertaken with the aim of raising awareness among students about the adverse effects of drug abuse. Alongside this program, a volunteering opportunity for MY Bharat volunteers was launched to sustain and promote anti-drug awareness.

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ANNEXURE
Sports infrastructure facilities in Tamil Nadu

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
1.	Ariyalur	☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) -1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Ball Badminton Court - 1 ☞ Tennis Court (Synthetic)- 1 ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 mx 13 m-1 ☞ Skating Rink ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium ☞ New Synthetic Hockey Turf **Chief Minister's Mini-Stadium at Jayamkondam Taluk** ☞ Gallery ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud)- 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)- 1 ☞ Basketball Court - 1
2.	Chennai	**Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Periamet** ☞ Gallery with Seating capacity of 40,000 ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf)-1 ☞ 400M 8-Lane Synthetic Athletic Track with Floodlight

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Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		☞ 60 m Air-conditioned Indoor Warm-up Track ☞ Judo Hall -1 ☞ Hall of Chess-1 ☞ Hall of Carrom-1 ☞ Weightlifting Hall-1 ☞ Hall for Table Tennis-1 ☞ Hall of Boxing-1 ☞ Beach Volleyball Court - 2 ☞ Volleyball Courts (Mud)- 2 (with floodlights) ☞ Throwball Court - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court – 1 ☞ Media Hall ☞ New Media Hall ☞ Conference Hall ☞ Modernisation of Existing Gym with Airconditioning ☞ SAI Sports Hostels for Boys ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys ☞ SDAT Centre of Excellence for Boys ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel of Excellence for Boys ☞ State Sports Facilitation Centre ☞ Shooting Range Training Centre ☞ Box Cricket ☞ State Level Training Centre for Carrom, Taekwondo, Judo, Fencing, Bridge and other Indoor Games (G+3)

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Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		Chennai Olympic Academy ☞ Volleyball Court (Tara Flex) (Ground Floor) ☞ Home of Chess (First Floor) ☞ Judo (Second Floor) ☞ Fencing (Third Floor) ☞ Tamil Nadu Centre of Sports Science (Fourth Floor)
		Multipurpose Indoor Stadium, Periamet ☞ International standard air-conditioned indoor sports arena with a seating capacity of 8,000 and wooden flooring. It features a 50 x 30meter sports area equipped with centralized air-conditioning, wooden flooring, and floodlights, along with facilities for Indoor sports such as Boxing, Chess, Carrom, Judo, Table Tennis, Kabaddi, Throwball, and Weightlifting (suitable for other sports and non-sporting events). ☞ Synthetic Skating Rink with Floodlight ☞ Covered Boxing Hall ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Girls **Integrated Sports Complex ('B' Ground).** ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf)-1 ☞ 400 m 8-lane Synthetic Athletic Track with Floodlight

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Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		☞ Athletic Throwing Sector ☞ Indoor Squash Court (Air-conditioned) – 3 ☞ Para Badminton Indoor Hall with 4 Courts (Air-conditioned) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court – 2 with flood light ☞ Hydrotherapy Swimming Pool for differently abled ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Girls **Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Egmore** ☞ Gallery Seating Capacity of 5599 ☞ Synthetic Hockey Field ☞ Synthetic Hockey Field (5'aside pitch) ☞ Tennis field Courts (mud)- 2 (Under Construction) ☞ Volleyball Courts with Floodlight- 2 ☞ Indoor Volleyball Court with Floodlight-1 ☞ Conference Hall ☞ Walking Path ☞ Sports Hostel of Excellence – Hockey (Girls)

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Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		AGB (Aquatic, Gymnastics and Badminton) Complex, Velachery Road, Guindy, Chennai. ☞ Gallery with Seating capacity of 4,000 ☞ A 10-lane. international Racing Pool(50 m x 25 m) ☞ Diving swimming Pool (18 m x 25 m x 5.5 m Depth) - 1 ☞ A Warm up swimming Pool (25 m x 25 m) ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 ☞ Conference Hall -1 ☞ Indoor Gymnastics Hall with Gallery -1 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall -1 (4 Courts)- 1 ☞ COE Hostel Boys-1,Girls -1 **Tennis Stadium, Nungambakkam, Chennai** ☞ Gallery with Seating capacity of 7,000 ☞ A Synthetic Center Court with Seating capacity of 4,800 ☞ 6 Practice Court with Seating capacity of 2,800 with LED light facilities ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1

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Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		☞ Dormitory facilities ☞ COE Tennis Hostel for Boys and Girls ☞ Govt .Hr .sec School,Ashok Nagar Pudur-SDAT Cricket Boys Hostel **Nehru Park Sports Complex** ☞ International Standard Squash Courts (On MoU with SDAT - TNSRA)- 8 ☞ 400 m Athletic mud Track ☞ Football (Natural Grass) - 1 ☞ Acrylic Basketball Court-1 ☞ Tennis Courts (Concrete) - 2 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall-3 Courts ☞ Volleyball court - 1 ☞ Administrative Building **Para Sports Arena** ☞ A semi-circular open roof structure for: ☞ Para Sitting Volleyball ☞ Para Badminton ☞ Para Throwball ☞ Para Table Tennis, ☞ Para Boccia ☞ Para Taekwondo, ☞ Para-Judo ☞ Para Goalball

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Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		☞ Para Weightlifting ☞ Gym equipped for Para-Powerlifting ☞ Accessible restrooms for both men and women ☞ Wheelchair-friendly ramps 1. **Shenoy Nagar Swimming Pool, Chennai** ☞ Swimming Pool (36m x 18 m) ☞ Short Course Swimming Pool (25m x 16 m) ☞ Baby Swimming Pool (6mx3m) ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall - 2 Courts ☞ Modern Air-Conditioned Gym -1 2. **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium - Chepauk** ☞ Modern Air-Conditioned Gym -1 ☞ Hockey Court ☞ Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Spectators Gallery with seating ☞ Box Cricket Courts -2

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Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		3. **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium, Kolathur** ☞ Indoor Swimming Pool (25m x 12 m) ☞ Indoor Badminton Courts -2 4. **Kalaingar Centenary Boxing Academy, Gopalapuram, Chennai** ☞ Boxing Ring arena ☞ Spectator Gallery (Capacity- 650) ☞ Coach's room ☞ Gym ☞ Boxing Training Hall ☞ Players Changing rooms 5. **Mogappair Sports Complex** ☞ Acrylic Tennis Courts- 4 ☞ Acrylic Basketball Courts – 2 ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium (Badminton courts-3) ☞ Swimming Pool (25m x 13m) 6. **Kalaignar Centenary Sports Complex, Korukkupet** ☞ Badminton Courts - 4 ☞ Basketball Court - 1 ☞ Volleyball court – 1 ☞ Boxing Indoor Ring – 1

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Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		☞ Boxing Training Hall - 1 ☞ Outdoor Skating Rink – 1 ☞ Football Ground – 1 ☞ Cricket Nets – 2 ☞ Chess & Carrom Hall -1 ☞ Indoor Gym – 1 ☞ Athletic Mud Track – 1 ☞ Outdoor Gym – 1 ☞ Kids Play Area 7. **R K Nagar Sports Complex, Kamaraj Salai** ☞ Indoor Basketball Court - 1 ☞ Boxing Rings - 2 ☞ Yoga Hall - 1 ☞ Table Tennis - 2 ☞ Chess & Carrom Hall - 1 ☞ Gym Indoor - 1 8. **Kannigapuram Play Ground, Vyasarpadi** ☞ Football Ground with Gallery -1 ☞ Boxing Ring - 1 ☞ Table Tennis - 2 ☞ Badminton Court - 1 ☞ Chess & Carrom Hall - 1 ☞ Indoor Gym - 1 ☞ Silambam Mud – 1

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		9. Pudur ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys, Government Boys Hr. Sec. School, Pudur (Cricket)
3.	Chengalpattu	**District Sports Complex, Chengalpattu** ☞ Administrative Block-1 ☞ 400 mtr Athletic Track-1 ☞ Indoor Stadium (Badminton courts-3 Nos ☞ Kabaddi -2 ☞ Fencing-1 ☞ Indoor Seating Gallery-420 Capacity ☞ Olympic Standard Swimming Pool 50mx 25m ☞ Football Ground (Mud-Olympic Standard) ☞ Compound Wall ☞ Long Jump Pit-2 **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium, Tambaram** ☞ 400 Mtr Athletic Track(Mud)-1 ☞ Football Field (Mud)-1 ☞ Gallery with Gym and Office Room-1 ☞ Volleyball Court-1 ☞ Kabaddi Court-1 ☞ Basketball Court-1 ☞ Long Jump Pit-1 ☞ Box Cricket-1

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4.	Coimbatore	☞ Open Air Stadium with Gallery Seating Capacity of 30,000 Spectators ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Synthetic) ☞ Football Field (Mud)- 1 ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys
5.	Cuddalore	☞ 400 m Athletic Track Mud-1 ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Concrete Basketball Court -1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)- 2 ☞ Kabaddi Court(Mud) - 2 ☞ Ball Badminton (Mud)- 1 ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 ☞ Walkers Path (Blue Metal)- 1200 m ☞ Open Air Boxing Ring – 1 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Courts - 2 ☞ Tennis Court (Mud)- 1 ☞ Cricket Ground (Mud)- 1 ☞ Swimming Pool – (25 m x 13 m) ☞ Badminton Indoor Hall – 3 Courts ☞ Squash Court - 1 ☞ Handball Court (Mud) – 1 ☞ CM Youth Sports Arena (Box Cricket)-1 ☞ Administrative Office ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys

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		☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys in Neyveli **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium at Virudhachalam Taluk** ☞ 400 m 6 lane Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud)- 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)- 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1 ☞ Handball Court - 1 ☞ Throwball Court – 1 **Para Sports Arena** ☞ A one side slop roof structure, with • Para-Badminton • Sitting Para-Volleyball • Para-Table Tennis, Para-Boccia • Para-Taekwondo, Para-Judo • Para-Goalball ☞ A gymnasium equipped for Para-Powerlifting ☞ Accessible restrooms for both men and women ☞ Wheelchair-friendly ramps
6.	Dharmapuri	☞ Gallery Seating capacity of 500 ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud)- 1

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		☞ Concrete Basketball Court- 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)- 2 ☞ Beach Volleyball Court - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court(mud)-1 ☞ Boxing Ring (Concrete)- 1 ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 ☞ Swimming Pool (25 m x 16 m) ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall with floodlight (Wooden) - 4 Court ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall with floodlight(Wooden)-1 Court ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Girls **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium, Harur** ☞ Gallery Seating capacity of 250 Nos. ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) ☞ Football Field - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)
7.	Dindigul	☞ Gallery seating capacity of 500 Nos. ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf)– 1 ☞ Football/Hockey Field for practice (Mud)-1 ☞ Basketball Court with Floodlight (Concrete) - 1 ☞ Ball Badminton Court - 2 ☞ Open Air Badminton Court

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Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		(Mud)-3 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court ☞ Kabaddi Court(Mud) – 1 ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 ☞ Swimming Pool (25 m x 13 m)-1 ☞ Handball (Mud) - 1 ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Girls **Multipurpose Indoor Stadium** ☞ Gallery with Seating Capacity of 500 Nos. ☞ Taekwondo Hall-1 ☞ Gymnastics Hall-1 ☞ Indoor Games with Floodlight ☞ Accommodation Facility-100 persons ☞ Office Room, Meeting Hall, Changing Room, etc., **SDAT Malaikottai Mariamman Koil Ground Complex, Dindigul** ☞ Football/Hockey Field (mud)-1 ☞ Basketball Court - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) - 2 (1 court with Floodlight) ☞ Open Air Badminton Court – 3

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		SDAT-NGO Colony Ground, Bala krishnapuram, Dindigul ☞ Open Air Badminton Court - 2 ☞ Volleyball court - 1 ☞ Hockey field- 1 ☞ Kabaddi court - 1 ☞ Yoga Hall **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium at Nilakottai Taluk** ☞ Football Field - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court - 1 ☞ Basketball Court - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court – 1 **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium at Natham** ☞ 200 m Athletic Track ☞ Football Field - 1 ☞ Basketball Court – 1 **Thoppampatti Block and Village** ☞ Cricket Grass Court-1(with Gallery) ☞ Football Grass Court-1 ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (mud)-1 ☞ Basketball Court (Cement)-1 (with Gallery) ☞ Kabaddi Court-2

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		☞ Boys, Girls Dormitory-2 ☞ Gym Hall-1 ☞ Office Room-1 ☞ Coaches Room-1 ☞ Equipment Room-1 ☞ Conference Hall-1 ☞ Kitchen with Dining Hall-2
8.	Erode	☞ Gallery with Seating Capacity of 1,000 Spectators ☞ 400 Synthetic Athletic Track ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf)-1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) (with Floodlight) - 2 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) - 2 ☞ Ball Badminton court - 1 ☞ Indoor Hall for Badminton (Wooden) -1 ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 ☞ Swimming Pool (25 m x 13 m) ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Girls **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium, Krishna Nagar, Gobichettipalayam** ☞ Volleyball Court with Floodlight ☞ Kabaddi Court with Floodlight ☞ Table Tennis (Indoor) ☞ Yoga (Indoor) ☞ Chess (Indoor)

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		☞ Carrom (Indoor) **Sports Hostel and New Gymnastics Stadium, Karattupalayam** ☞ Sports Hostel Rooms-2 (Boys & Girls) ☞ Dress Changing Rooms-2 (Boys & Girls) ☞ Coaches Room-1 ☞ Office Room-1 ☞ Equipment Room-1 ☞ Gymnastics Play area ☞ Toilet Facilities
9.	Kancheepuram	☞ Gallery with Seating Capacity of 1000 Spectators ☞ 400m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Basketball Court with Flood Light (Concrete)- 1 ☞ Volleyball Court with flood light (Mud) - 1 ☞ Boxing Ring (Concrete) ☞ Ball Badminton Court (Mud)-1 ☞ Indoor Squash Hall - 1 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Courts with Floodlight - 2 ☞ Swimming Pool (25 m x 16 m) ☞ Baby Swimming Pool (5mx3m) ☞ Handball Court - 1

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		☞ Open Air Badminton Court (Mud)-3 ☞ Table Tennis Hall ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium
10.	Kanniyakumari	☞ Gallery Seating Capacity of 1500 Spectators ☞ 400 m Mud Athletics Track with Floodlighting ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf)- 1 ☞ Basketball Court with floodlight (Concrete) – 1 ☞ Yoga Training Centre – 1 ☞ Indoor Table Tennis Hall – 1 ☞ Fencing Training Hall – 1 ☞ Athletics Training Gymnasium – 1 ☞ Indoor Weightlifting Hall – 1 ☞ Volleyball Court with floodlight-1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 ☞ Boxing Ring - 1 ☞ Indoor Squash Court - 1 ☞ Swimming Pool (25 m x 13 m) ☞ Baby Swimming Pool ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Girls ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium at Konam, Nagercoil

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		Chief Minister's Mini Stadium, Padmanabhapuram ☞ 200 Mtr Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Gym with Office Room ☞ Volleyball Court ☞ Kabaddi Court ☞ Long Jump Pit
11.	Karur	☞ Gallery with Seating capacity of 500 Spectators ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud)– 1 ☞ Football Field (Mud) – 1 ☞ Basketball Court(Concrete)– 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)– 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud)– 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court (Mud)-1 ☞ Hockey Court (Mud)– 1 ☞ Open-air Badminton Court-1 ☞ Tennis Court-1 ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1
12.	Kallakuruchi	Construction of District Sports Complex is under progress.
13.	Krishnagiri	☞ Seating capacity of 250 each (2 Galleries) ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Court (Natural Turf)–1 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) – 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) -2 ☞ Handball Court (Mud) – 1

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Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) – 2 ☞ Boxing Ring (Concrete) ☞ Synthetic Tennis Courts – 2 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud) – 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court (Mud) – 1 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall – 1 ☞ Taekwondo Training Hall – 1 ☞ Multi-Gym Hall – 1 ☞ Walkers Path (Concrete)– 1300 m ☞ Swimming Pool (25m x 16.5m)– 1 ☞ Baby Swimming Pool – 1 ☞ Judo Training Hall – 1 ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium ☞ Officers Club Building ☞ Children's Park ☞ Table Tennis Hall **Chief Minister's Mini-Stadium, Hosur** ☞ Gallery with Seating capacity of 500 ☞ 400 m Athletic Track ☞ Football Court (Mud) – 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) – 2 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud) – 1 ☞ Cricket Ground ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium (Wooden Floor) ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete)- 1 ☞ Indoor Stadium for Shuttle-1 ☞ Gym Hall - 1

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		☞ Walkers Path (Concrete) **Chief Minister's Mini-Stadium at Uthankarai Taluk** ☞ Gallery Seating capacity 300 ☞ 400 m Athletic Track ☞ Football Field (Mud) – 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) – 2 ☞ Basketball Court – 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud) – 1 ☞ Walkers Path Concrete–750 m ☞ Kho-Kho Court(Mud)-1 ☞ Children's Park-1 ☞ Indoor Badminton-1
14.	Madurai	☞ Seating capacity 2250 (3 Galleries) ☞ 400 m Synthetic Athletic Track with Floodlight facility ☞ Football Field Natural Turf – 1 ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium with Wooden Floor ☞ Practice Football Field Mud – 1 ☞ Synthetic Hockey Field with Floodlight – 1 ☞ Training Synthetic Hockey Field – 1 ☞ Synthetic Warm-up Track 100 m–1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) – 3 (1 with Floodlight) ☞ Beach VolleyballCourt(Mud)1

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		☞ Kabaddi Court with Floodlight (Mud) (Mat available for 1 court)–2 ☞ Kho-Kho Court (Mud)– 1 ☞ Synthetic Basketball Court (1 with Floodlight)– 2 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Court – 2 ☞ Tennis Court (Mud) – 1 ☞ Cricket Practice Pitch (Mud)-3 ☞ Boxing Ring (Mud) – 1 ☞ Handball Court (Mud) – 1 ☞ Tennikoit Court (Concrete)– 4 ☞ Tennikoit Court (Mud) – 3 ☞ Hockey Court (Mud) – 3 ☞ Gymnastic Hall – 1(with Floor Light) ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 ☞ Indoor Hall for Badminton Courts with Floodlight (Wooden)- 4 ☞ Indoor Hall for Badminton Courts with Floodlight– 2 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Table Tennis Hall (Wooden)–1 ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys with Gym ☞ Integrated Sports Science Centre **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium, Ellis Nagar, Madurai** ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) – 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete)-1

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		Chief Minister's Mini Stadium, Sholavanthan ☞ 200 mtr Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Basketball court - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1 ☞ Long Jump track - 1 ☞ Administrative Building - 1 ☞ Spectator's gallery with seating arrangements ☞ Multi Gym ☞ Kabaddi Court **International Hockey Ground, Madurai** ☞ Synthetic Hockey Ground with Flood Lights-1 ☞ Practice Hockey Ground-1 ☞ VIP lounge ☞ Players dress changing rooms ☞ umpire Room ☞ Commentary Room ☞ High Mast Control Room ☞ Office Room ☞ Medical Room ☞ Open Gallery-420 persons capacity ☞ Approach Road ☞ Parking Facilities ☞ Rain water harvesting **Madurai Olympic Academy** ☞ Modern Gym with Airconditioning - 1

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		☞ Kabaddi Indoor Stadium-1 ☞ Table Tennis (First Floor) ☞ Basketball Synthetic Court with Flood Lights ☞ Tennis Court Synthetic Court with Flood Lights-3 **Para Sports Arena** ☞ A semi-circular open roof structure, such as • Para-Badminton • Sitting Para-Volleyball • Para-Table Tennis, Para-Boccia • Para-Taekwondo, Para-Judo • Para-Goalball ☞ A gymnasium equipped for Para-Powerlifting ☞ Accessible restrooms for both men and women ☞ Wheelchair-friendly ramps
15.	Mayiladuthurai	**Chief Minister's Mini-Stadium at Tharangambadi Taluk** ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court - 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete)-1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Multipurpose Gym Hall - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court – 1

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16.	Nagapattinam	☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) (1- Floodlight) - 2 ☞ Basketball Court (1-Concrete, 1-with Floodlight) – 2 ☞ Beach Volleyball Court - 1 ☞ Tennis Court - 1 (Mud) ☞ Handball Court - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Ball Badminton Court - 1 ☞ Open Air Boxing Ring -1 ☞ 5 Men Football ground - 1 ☞ Cricket Practice Pitch – 1 ☞ Indoor Squash Hall (Court)- 1 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall, Wooden Floor (with Floodlight) -2 Court ☞ Table Tennis – 1 ☞ Indoor Multi Gym-1 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium (Wooden Floor)
17.	Namakkal	☞ Gallery Seating capacity of 500 ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf)-1 ☞ Hockey Field - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)-2 ☞ Handball Court- 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court- 1 ☞ Semi Indoor Kabaddi Court- 1

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		☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Girls **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium, Senthamangalam** ☞ 400 Mtr Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Box Cricket ☞ Football Field ☞ Hockey Field ☞ Outdoor Kabaddi Court-1 ☞ Long Jump Pit ☞ Volleyball Court-1 ☞ Gym with Gallery ☞ Dress Changing Room for Male and Female ☞ Administrative Block
18.	Perambalur	☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud) ☞ Basketball Court(Concrete)- 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)- 2 ☞ Handball Court (Mud)- 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court ☞ Kho-Kho Court ☞ Synthetic Tennis Court (Floodlight) ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m

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		☞ Indoor Badminton Hall - 2 Court ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium (Wooden Floor) ☞ Beach Volleyball Court ☞ Wakers Path ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Girls ☞ Accommodation and Administrative Block **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium, Veppanthattai** ☞ 200 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Mini Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) - 2 ☞ Kabaddi Court – 1 ☞ Open Gym -1
19.	Pudukkottai	☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Gallery With Seating Capacity-500 ☞ Football Field (Mud)- 1 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete - 1 and with Floodlight - 1) - 2 ☞ Volleyball Court - 2 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1 ☞ Boxing Ring (Wooden)- 1 ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Court (with Floodlight) – 2 ☞ Walkers Path ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall (with

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		Floodlight)- 2 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Baby Pool 10 m x 5 m ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Girls **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium, Alangudi** ☞ 400 Mtr Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Box Cricket ☞ Football Field ☞ Kabaddi Court-1 ☞ Long Jump Pit ☞ Volleyball Court-1 ☞ Gym with Gallery ☞ Dress Changing Rooms for Male and Female ☞ Gallery with Seating Capacity-250 ☞ Administrative Room
20.	Ramanathapuram	☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Volleyball Court (with Floodlight)-1 ☞ Basketball Court - 1 ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Hockey Astro Turf Field - 1 ☞ Handball Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 ☞ An Open-air Boxing Ring (Concrete) ☞ Synthetic Tennis Court (with

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Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		Floodlight) - 2 ☞ Cricket Practice Pitch(Net) – 2 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall (Floodlight -1)(2 Wooden Floor)- 3 Courts ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Baby Swimming Pool -1 ☞ Carrom Hall - 1 ☞ Chess Hall - 1 ☞ Table Tennis Hall – 1 ☞ Hockey Practice Court 5's (Synthetic) ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for boys ☞ Khelo India Judo Center **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium at Paramakudi** ☞ 200 m Athletic Track ☞ Football Field - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1 ☞ Badminton (Concrete) - 1 ☞ Weightlifting Training Centre
21.	Ranipet	Construction of District Sports Complex is under progress.
22.	Salem	☞ Open Air Stadium with Seating Capacity 500 Spectators ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud)- 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete)-1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) (with

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		Floodlight - 1) - 3 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud)- 1 ☞ Handball Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Boxing Ring (Concrete)- 1 ☞ Gymnastic Training Hall -1 ☞ Hostel Dining Hall ☞ Cricket Practice Pitch (Mud)-1 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Court - 1 ☞ Swimming Pool 25mx13m (6 lane) ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium (Concrete) (Seating Capacity - 800 Nos.) ☞ Squash Court – 1 ☞ SAI Training Centre for Boys **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium, Mettur** ☞ Box Cricket ☞ Kabaddi Court-1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court – 1 ☞ Badminton Hall – 2 ☞ Volleyball Court-1 ☞ Gym Hall with equipment ☞ Dress Changing Rooms for Male and Female ☞ Administrative Room **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium, Attur** ☞ Box Cricket ☞ Kabaddi Court-1

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		☞ Kho-Kho Court – 1 ☞ Badminton Hall – 2 ☞ Volleyball Court-1 ☞ Gym Hall with equipment ☞ Dress Changing Rooms for Male and Female ☞ Administrative Room **Para Sports Arena, Multi Sports Complex, Govt. College of Engineering, Omalur.** ☞ A semi-circular open roof structure, such as • Para-Badminton • Sitting Para-Volleyball • Para-Table Tennis, Para-Boccia • Para-Taekwondo, Para-Judo • Para-Goalball ☞ A gymnasium equipped for Para-Powerlifting ☞ Accessible restrooms for both men and women ☞ Wheelchair-friendly ramps
23.	Sivagangai	☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf)-1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) - 2 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete)-1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court (Mud) -1 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud) - 2 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		☞ Baby Swimming Pool - 1 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall (rubber court) -2 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall (Wooden Floor Court) at Kanchirangal -1 ☞ Handball (Mud) - 1 ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys ☞ Gym-1 **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium – Karaikudi** ☞ Spectator's gallery with seating arrangements. ☞ 400 mtr Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Basketball court-1 ☞ Volleyball Court-1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court-1 ☞ Long Jump Pit-1 ☞ Administrative Building
24.	Tenkasi	**District Sports Complex, Tenkasi** ☞ 400 mtr Athletic Track(Mud)-1 ☞ Football Court-1 ☞ Basketball Court-1 ☞ Volleyball Court-1 ☞ Boxing Court-1 ☞ Kabaddi Indoor Hall ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Hall ☞ Gym Hall ☞ Admin Block

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Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		☞ Canteen Block ☞ Sports Equipment Room ☞ Dress Changing Rooms for Male and Female ☞ First Aid Room ☞ Seating Gallery **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium at Alangulam Taluk** ☞ 400 m Athletic Track(Mud) ☞ Football Field-1 ☞ Volleyball Court-1 ☞ Basketball Court - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court -1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court -1 ☞ Seating Gallery **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium at Sankarankovil** ☞ 200 m Athletic Track (Mud)-1 ☞ Football Field-1 ☞ Volleyball Court-1 ☞ Basketball Court-1 ☞ Kabaddi Court-1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court-1
25.	Thanjavur	☞ Gallery with Seating Capacity 500 Nos. ☞ 400 mtr 8 lane Synthetic Athletic Track-1 ☞ Football Field (Mud)- 1 ☞ Handball Court (Mud)- 1 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) - 1

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Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		☞ Basketball Court (Concrete)- 2 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)- 4 ☞ Hockey Synthetic Practice Field - 1 ☞ Boxing Ring (Concrete)- 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 ☞ Indoor Squash Hall Concrete- 1 ☞ Beach Volleyball Court Mud– 1 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall - 1 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Court - 1 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Walking Track-1 ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium (Wooden) ☞ Skating Rink Ground **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium at Pattukottai** ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)- 1 ☞ Basketball Court - 1 ☞ Ball Badminton Court – 1 **Para Sports Arena** ☞ A semi-circular open roof structure, such as • Para-Badminton • Sitting Para-Volleyball

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		• Para-Table Tennis, ☞ A gymnasium equipped for Para-Powerlifting ☞ Accessible restrooms for both men and women ☞ Wheelchair-friendly ramps
26.	Theni	☞ 400 Mtr. Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Indoor Badminton Court (Wooden Floor)- 2 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete)- 1 ☞ Indoor Table Tennis Hall - 1 ☞ Tennis Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Indoor Squash Court- 1 ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium-1 ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Boxing Ring (Concrete) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) (with Floodlight) -1 ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall at Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Silvarpatti under (GOI)-RGKA ☞ Hockey Court -1 ☞ Skating Ring-1
27.	The Nilgiris	**HADP Open Air Stadium, Ooty** ☞ Synthetic Athletic Track ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf)-1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) - 1

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Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) (with roof) - 1 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Court - 1 ☞ Cricket Practice Pitch - 2 ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys ☞ High Altitude Training Centre **Anna Indoor Stadium, Stone House Hill Post, Ooty** ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall (Wooden Floor Court with lighting system) -3 ☞ Multi-Gym Hall – 1 **Mini-Stadium at Gandhi Maidan, Kothagiri** ☞ Football Field (Mud) ☞ 200 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Basketball Court Concrete- 1 ☞ Volleyball Court – 1 **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium, (Multipurpose Indoor Stadium), Coonoor** ☞ Badminton Court (Wooden Floor)- 2 ☞ Multi-Gym – 1

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		Multipurpose Indoor Stadium, Gudalur ☞ Badminton Court (Wooden Floor) - 2 ☞ Multi-Gym – 1 **Olympic Academy, District Sports Complex** ☞ Gym Hall (Ground Floor) ☞ Coaches Room (Ground Floor) ☞ Multipurpose Table Tennis Hall (First Floor) ☞ Store Room (GF)
28.	Tiruvallur	☞ Open Air Stadium with Seating Capacity of 800 ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field - 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete)- 2 ☞ Volleyball Court - 2 ☞ Gym Hall - 1 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 17 m ☞ Kabaddi Court - 2 ☞ Beach Volleyball Court – 1 ☞ Wrestling Hall – 1 ☞ Para Indoor Stadium – 1 ☞ Box Cricket– 1
29.	Thoothukudi	☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field - 1 ☞ Hockey Field - 1

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Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		☞ Basketball Court (with floodlight)–1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) (1 with floodlight) - 2 ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Air-conditioning-1 ☞ Open Air Boxing Ring – 1 ☞ Squash Court - 2 ☞ Kabaddi Court (with floodlight) – 1 ☞ Indoor Badminton Court - 2 ☞ Mini Indoor Stadium ☞ Handball Court - 1 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Court - 2 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Baby Swimming Pool ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys ☞ Box Cricket Court – 1 ☞ Throwball Court – 1 ☞ Spectator Stand **Kovilpatti** ☞ Synthetic Hockey Field - 1 ☞ Sports Hostel of Excellence for Boys (Hockey) ☞ Centre of Excellence for Boys (Hockey) ☞ Practice Ground – 1 **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium at Tiruchendur** ☞ 200 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) - 1

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Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud) – 2 **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium – Srivaikundam** ☞ Spectator's gallery with seating arrangements. ☞ 400 mtr Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football ground ☞ Volleyball Court ☞ Long Jump track ☞ Administrative Building ☞ State-of-the-Art Gymnasium
30.	Tiruchirappalli	☞ Open Air Stadium with Seating Capacity of 10000 ☞ 400 m 8-lane Synthetic Athletic Track (with Floodlight) ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf)–1 ☞ Hockey Field (1-Synthetic Surface) - 2 ☞ Netball Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court-6 (1 with Flood light,1 without FL, 1 Galvalume sheet roof with Flood light, 1 Beach Volleyball,2 Mud Court) ☞ Concrete Basketball Court (1 with Floodlight)- 2 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud) - 2 ☞ Kabaddi Court (with Floodlight and Gallery) - 2 ☞ Kho-Kho Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Handball Court (Mud) - 1

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Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		☞ Air-conditioned Indoor Squash Court - 1 ☞ Tennis Courts (Mud) - 2 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Court with Gallery and Rooms - 3 ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 ☞ Wushu Indoor Hall -1 ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium at District Sports Complex ☞ Boxing Ring with roof and training hall ☞ Taekwondo Training Hall ☞ Wrestling Training Shed ☞ Mallarkambam Ground ☞ Para Sports Arena ☞ Boxing shed outdoor practice ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 23 m ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys ☞ SDAT Centre of Excellence for Boys ☞ Accommodation Centre ☞ Parents reception hall ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium (Srirangam) **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium, Thiruverumbur (Jallikattu arena)** ☞ Jallikattu arena ☞ Gallery with Office, Changing Room and Toilets ☞ VIP Room with Commentary

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		Area ☞ Gym ☞ Multipurpose Sports Hall ☞ Compound Wall
31.	Tirunelveli	**Anna Stadium at Palayamkottai** ☞ 400 m Synthetic Athletic Track ☞ 200 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Hockey Field-2 (1-Synthetic) (1-Mud) ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete with Floodlight) - 1 ☞ Box Cricket - 1 ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 ☞ Indoor Gymnastic Hall -1 ☞ Boxing Centre with Roof - 1 ☞ SyntheticTennis Courts (with Floodlight)- 1 ☞ Skating Ring (Concrete)-1 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall-1 ☞ Volleyball Court with Galvalume sheet roof (with Floodlight) ☞ Handball Court (Mud) -1 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Baby Swimming Pool 7½ x5 m ☞ V.O.C Multipurpose Indoor Stadium ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys

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Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		☞ SDAT Centre of Excellence for Boys ☞ Multi-Gym Hall at VOC Ground - 1 ☞ Multi-Gym Hall at Jinna Thidal – 1 **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium at Kallidaikurichi** ☞ 400 m Athletic Track ☞ Football Field ☞ Volleyball Court - 2 ☞ Basketball Court Concrete - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court – 1 **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium at Melapalayam** ☞ 400 m Athletic Track(Mud) ☞ Football Ground-1 ☞ Basketball Court-1 ☞ Volleyball Court-1 ☞ Kabaddi Court -1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court-1 **Para Indoor Sports Arena at District Sports Complex** ☞ Para Fitness Centre ☞ Para male and female Toilets ☞ Para Wheel Chair – friendly ramps

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32.	Tiruppur	**Multipurpose Indoor Stadium at Chikkanna Govt. Arts College Campus** ☞ Badminton Court (Wooden Floor)–9 ☞ Basketball Court - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court - 1 ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 **Open Air Stadium at Chikkanna Govt. Arts College Campus** ☞ 400 M Atheletic Track-1 ☞ Judo Hall-1 **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium, Kangeyam** ☞ Indoor Badminton wooden Court ☞ Basketball Court ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)-1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court (Mud)-1 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud)-1 ☞ Gym Hall -1
33.	Tirupathur	**Chief Minister's Mini Stadium at Jolarpet** ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (6 Lane) (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) - 2

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Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		☞ Basketball Court Concrete - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1 ☞ Gym for male and female **Elagiri Hills** ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium, Vaniyambadi** ☞ 400 Mtr Athletic Track(Mud) ☞ Football Ground (Mud)-1 ☞ Basketball Court (Mud)-1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)-1 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud)-1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court (Mud)-1 ☞ Gym Hall-1 ☞ Administrative Room
34.	Tiruvanna-malai	☞ 400 m Synthetic Athletic Track ☞ Open Air Gallery with 1,500 seating capacity ☞ Conference Hall ☞ Hockey Field (Synthetic with Fencing)-1 ☞ Concrete Basketball Court (with Floodlight Roofing) - 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Outdoor) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) (with Floodlight) - 2 ☞ Boxing Ring (Concrete) - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court – 1

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Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		☞ Mallakhamb Court-1 ☞ Ball Badminton - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1 ☞ Handball Court - 1 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Courts (with Floodlight) - 2 ☞ Gym Hall (AC) ☞ Table Tennis Hall - 1 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 16 m ☞ Baby Swimming Pool ☞ 80 m area for Synthetic track running with Galvalume Sheet roof ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Girls **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium at Arni** ☞ 200 m Athletic Track ☞ Football Field - 1 ☞ Ball Badminton Court - 1 ☞ Basketball Court Concrete - 1 ☞ An Open Air Stadium - Seating Capacity 500 ☞ Walkers Path **Chief Minister's Mini-Stadium at Thandarampattu Taluk** ☞ 400 m Athletic Track ☞ Football Field - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court - 1 ☞ An Open Air Stadium -

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		Seating Capacity 500 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court – 1 **Chief Minister's Stadium at Cheyyar Taluk** ☞ 400 m Athletic Track with drainage ☞ Football Ground - 1 ☞ Concrete Basketball Court - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court - 2 ☞ Gym building (Men & Women) ☞ Open Air Stadium with Seating Capacity 500 Nos. **Para Sports Arena at District Sports Complex** ☞ A semi-circular open roof structure, such as • Para-Badminton • Sitting Para-Volleyball • Para-Table Tennis, Para-Boccia • Para-Taekwondo, Para-Judo • Para-Goalball ☞ A gymnasium equipped for Para-Powerlifting ☞ Accessible restrooms for both men and women ☞ Para Wheel Chair – friendly Ramp

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Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
35.	Tiruvarur	☞ Open Air Stadium with Gallery of 500 seating ☞ 400 m 8-lane Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Basketball Court Concrete - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mats available for 1 Court) (Mud) - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium (Wooden) ☞ Football Field (Mud) (Tiruneipair)-1 ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1
36.	Vellore	**Outdoor Sports Stadium at Katpadi Village in Katpadi Taluk of Vellore District** ☞ Gallery Seating Capacity of 1500 ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud)- 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete)-1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)- 1 ☞ Tennis Court (Synthetic)- 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 17 m ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium

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		Weight lifting Special Development Centre, Sathuvachari, Vellore. ☞ Weightlifting Hall-1 ☞ Centre of Excellence Hostel (Weightlifting) for boys
37.	Viluppuram	☞ 400m Athletic Track (Mud) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court - 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete)- 2 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 2 ☞ Handball Court - 1 ☞ Football Field - 1 ☞ Baby Swimming Pool – 1 ☞ Mallakhamb Field-1 ☞ Multipurpose of Indoor Stadium (Wooden) ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13m (**in Collectorate Campus)**

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38.	Virudhunagar	☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (with Floodlight)-2 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete with Floodlight) - 1 ☞ Modernization of Existing Gym with Airconditioning-1 ☞ Boxing Ring - 1 ☞ Squash Court - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1 ☞ Ball Badminton Court – 1 ☞ Handball Court - 1 ☞ Tennikoit Court (Mud) - 3 ☞ Tennis Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Open Air Badminton Court - 1 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 17 m ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium **Chief Minister's Mini Stadium at Sivakasi Taluk** ☞ 400 m Athletic Track ☞ Football Field - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court - 2 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) -1 **Chief Minister's Stadium at Nenmenipatti** ☞ 400 m Athletic Track ☞ Football Field - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court – 1

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru C. Joseph Vijay, interacted with sportspersons during the "Start Run, Stop Drugs" Anti-Drug Awareness Run organised by the SDAT on 26.06.2026.

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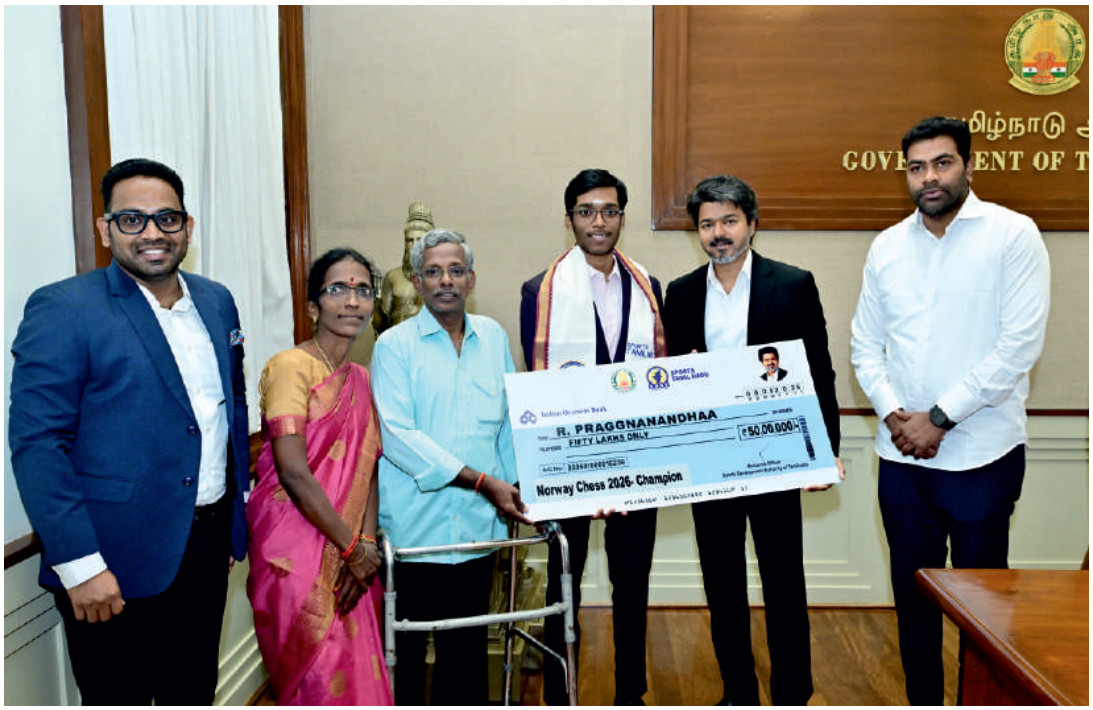
Hon'ble Minister for Public Works and Sports Development, Thiru. Aadhav Arjuna, distributed allotment orders for admission to Sports hostels at Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai on 29.05.2026.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru C.Joseph Vijay, felicitated Grandmaster Praggnanandhaa and played a game of chess with him on 08.06.2026.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru C.Joseph Vijay, felicitated Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa and presented a cheque for Rs.50 lakh as high cash incentive on 08.06.2026.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru C.Joseph Vijay, conducted a review meeting on the functioning of the Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department on 15.07.2026.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. S. Joseph Vijay, signed the anti-drug awareness pledge board at the inaugural event of the "Start Run, Stop Drugs" Anti-Drug Run organised by the SDAT on 26.06.2026.



Hon'ble Minister for Public Works and Sports Development, Thiru Aadhav Arjuna, inaugurated the newly established Athletics Throwing Sector at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium on 23.06.2026.

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Hon'ble Minister for Public Works and Sports Development, Thiru. Aadhav Arjuna inaugurated the renovated Anna Swimming Pool, Chennai on 23.07.2026.

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Hon'ble Minister for Public Works and Sports Development, Thiru Aadhav Arjuna, provided shooting equipment to Thiru Manojkumar, a Para Shooting sports person on 09.06.2026.

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Hon'ble Minister for Public Works and Sports Development, Thiru Aadhav Arjuna, provided a cheque for Rs.10 lakh as financial assistance to Tamil Nadu chess player R.Vaishali on 27.05.2026.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru C. Joseph Vijay, participated in the "Start Run, Stop Drugs" Anti–Drug Run organised by the SDAT on 26.06.2026.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru C. Joseph Vijay, participated and flagged off the “Start Run, Stop Drugs” Anti-Drug Run organised by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu on 26.06.2026.

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